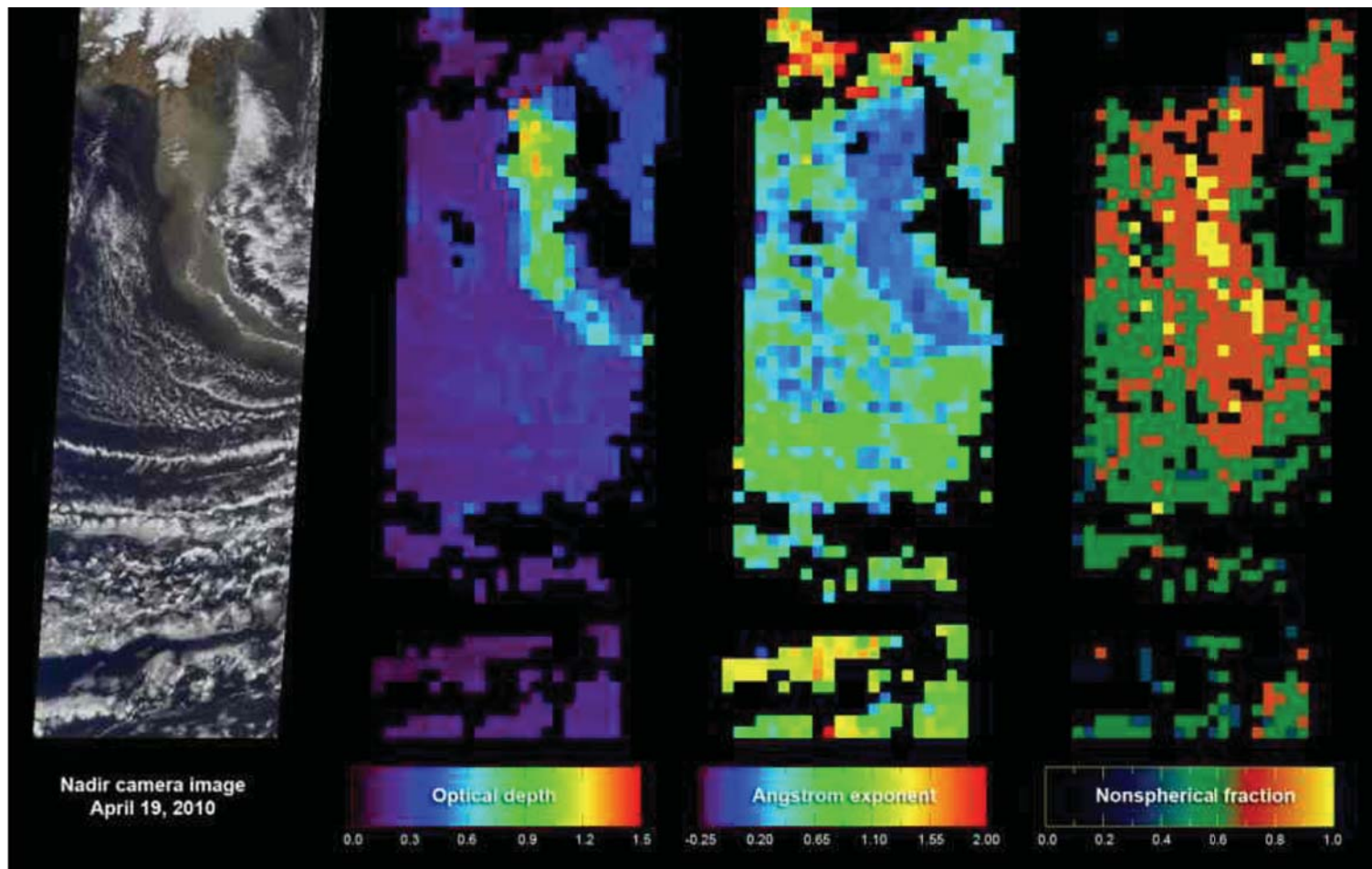


Aerosol Remote Sensing From Space – Where We Stand, Where We're Heading

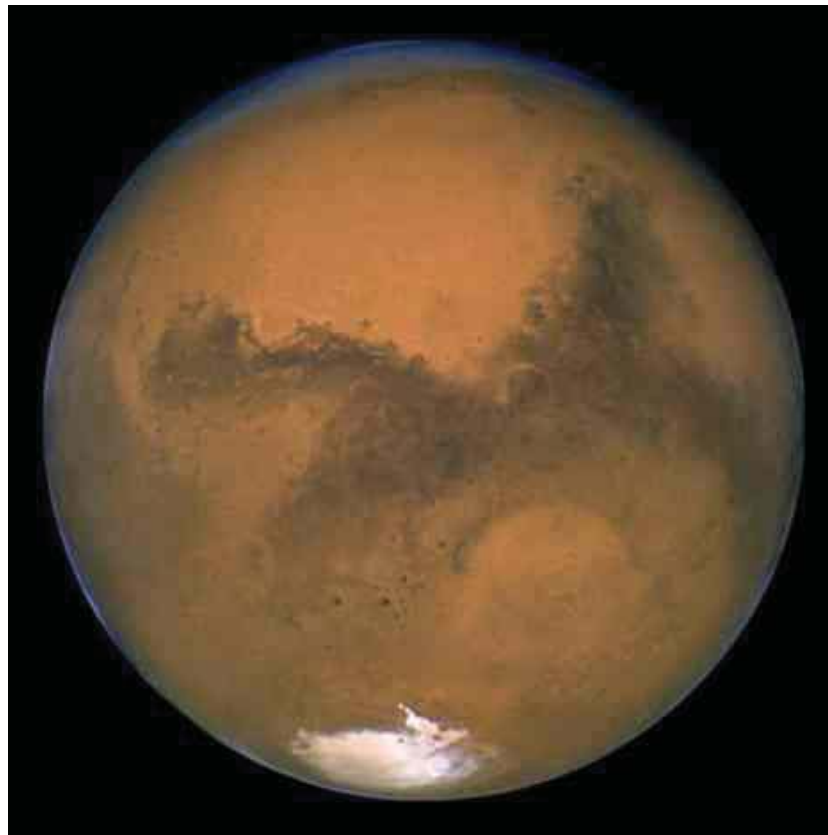
Ralph Kahn NASA Goddard Space Flight Center



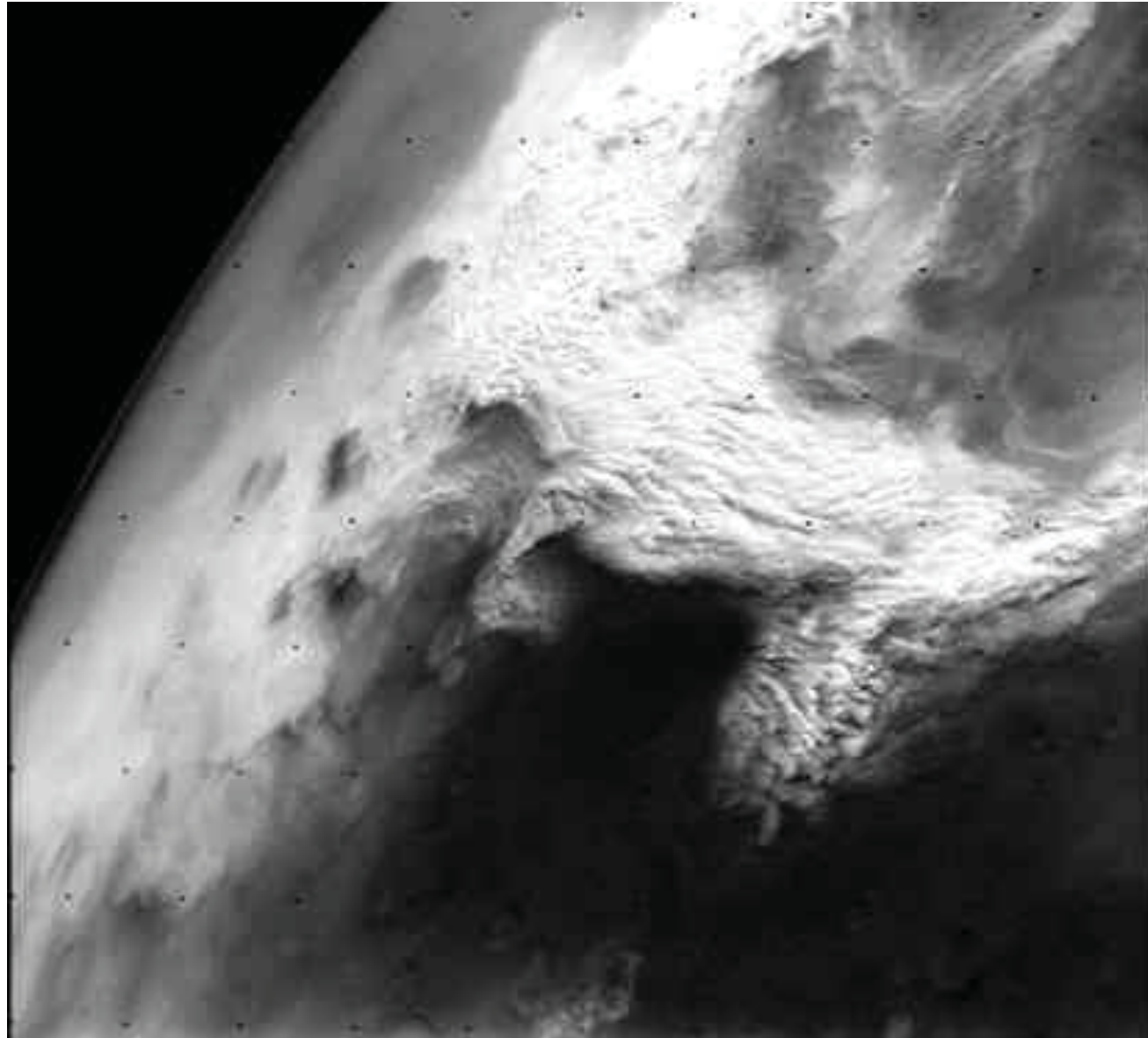
Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Ash Plume – MISR Aerosol Retrieval – April 19, 2010

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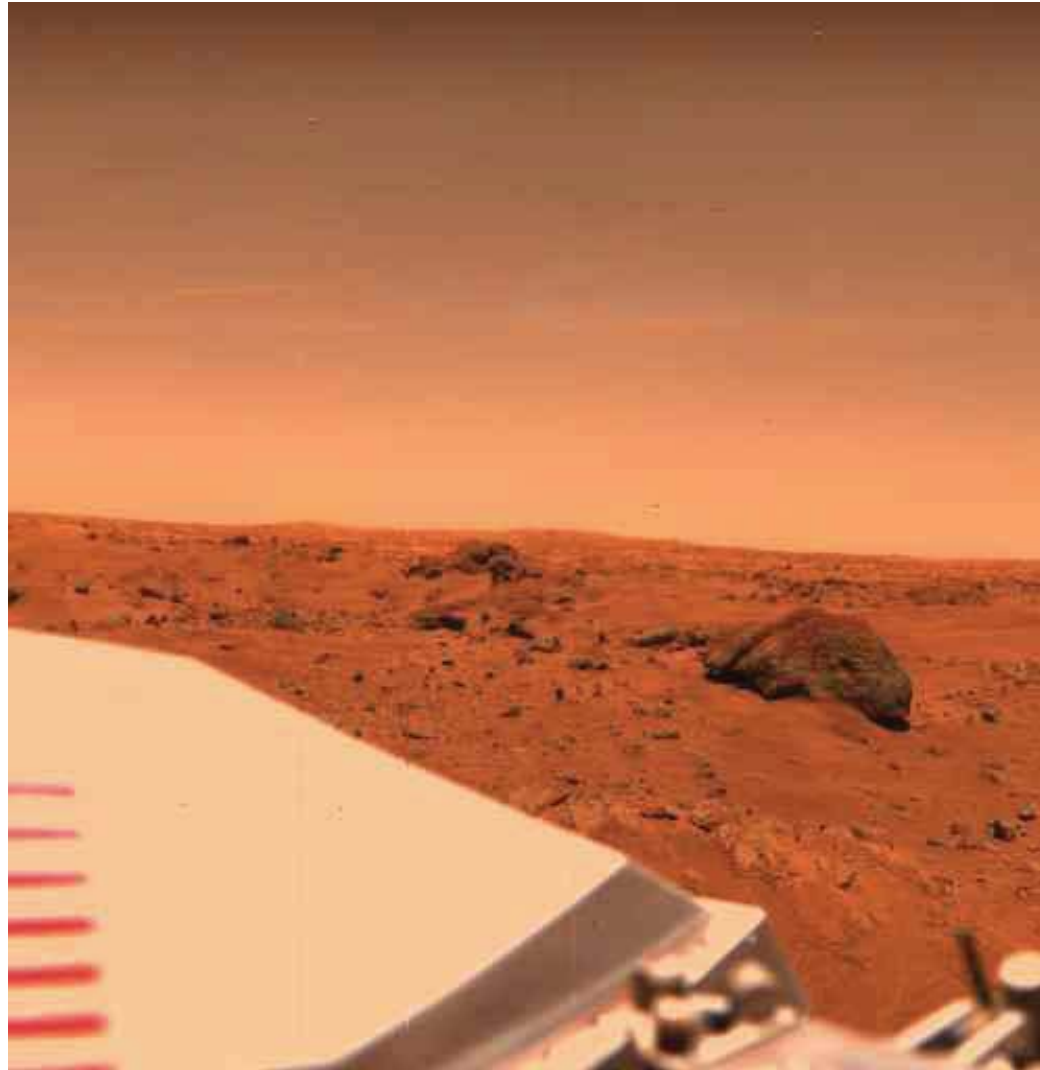
Beginning at the Beginning



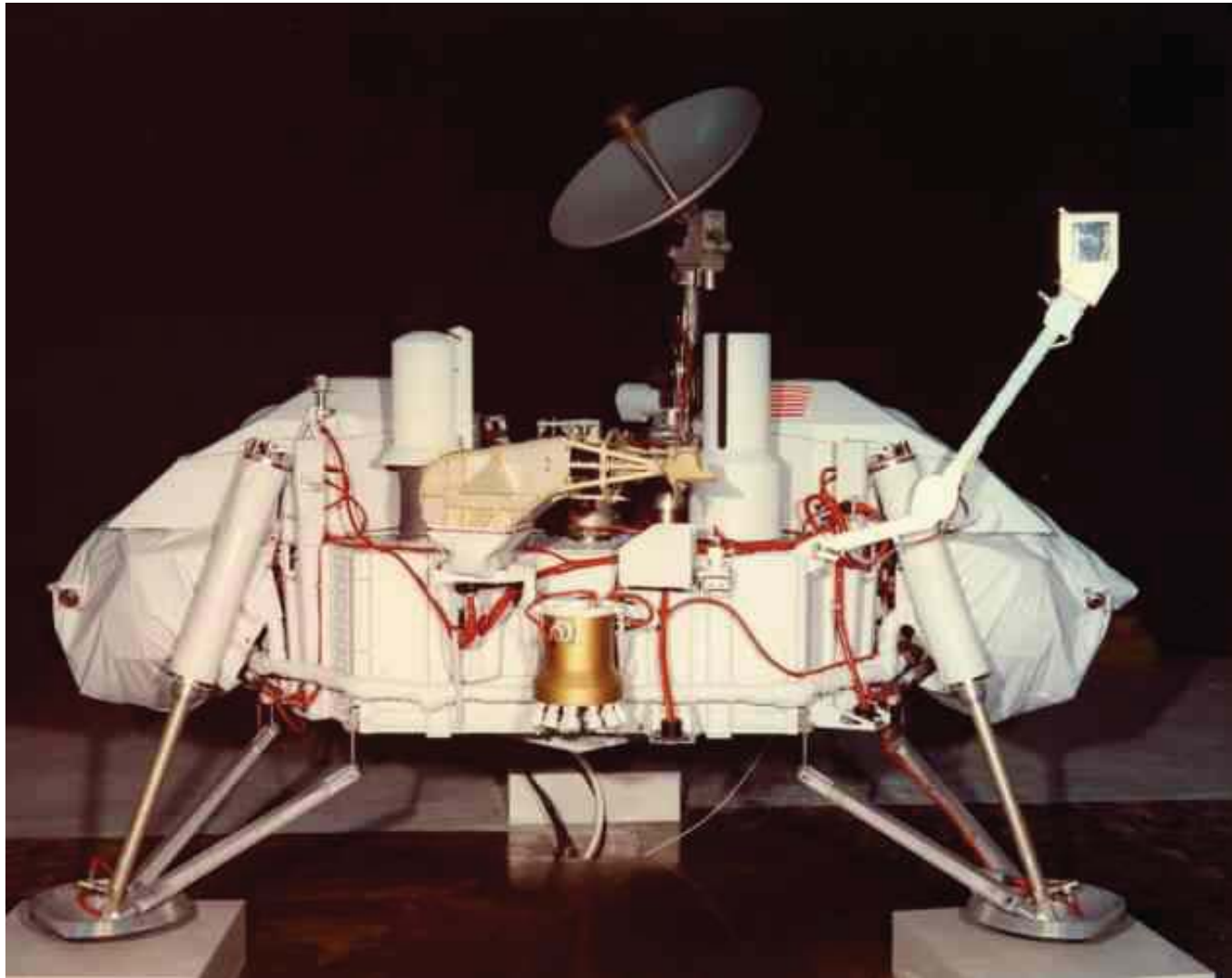
Mars Dust Storm – Viking Orbiter 1976!



Martian Sky – Viking Lander 1, 1976!



The Viking Lander!



Sunset on Mars – Viking Lander 1, 1976!



SeaWiFS – Sahara Dust over Canary Islands 06 March 1998



Station Fire near JPL, Pasadena CA August-September 2010

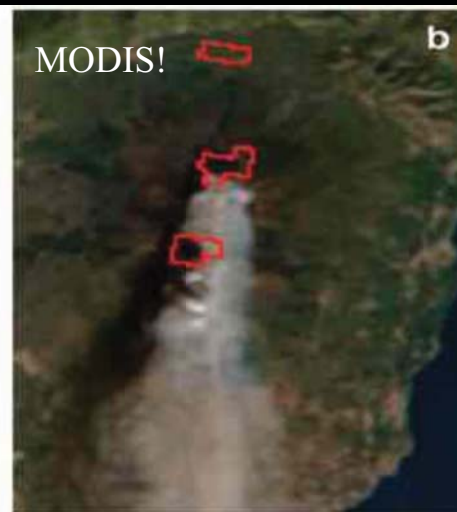


From: <http://hometown-pasadena.com>

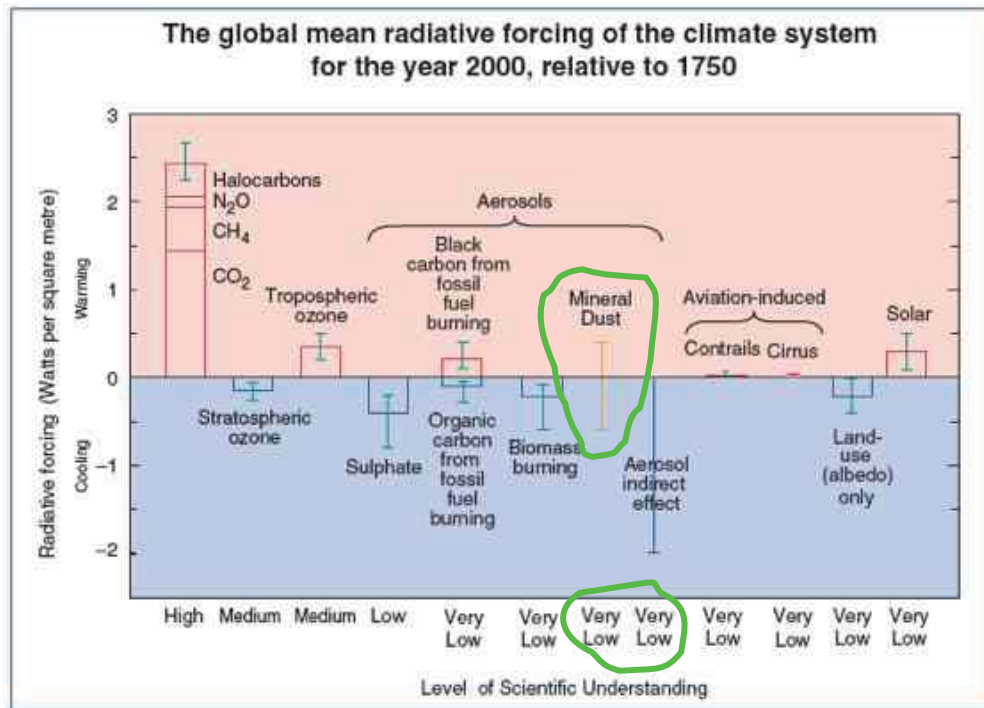
***MODIS – Fires in Alaska** 01 July 2004 21:40 UTC*



Mt. Etna Plume Structure 27-30 October 2002



Even DARF and Anthropogenic DARF are *NOT* Solved Problems (Yet)!



IPCC AR3, 2001
(Pre-EOS)

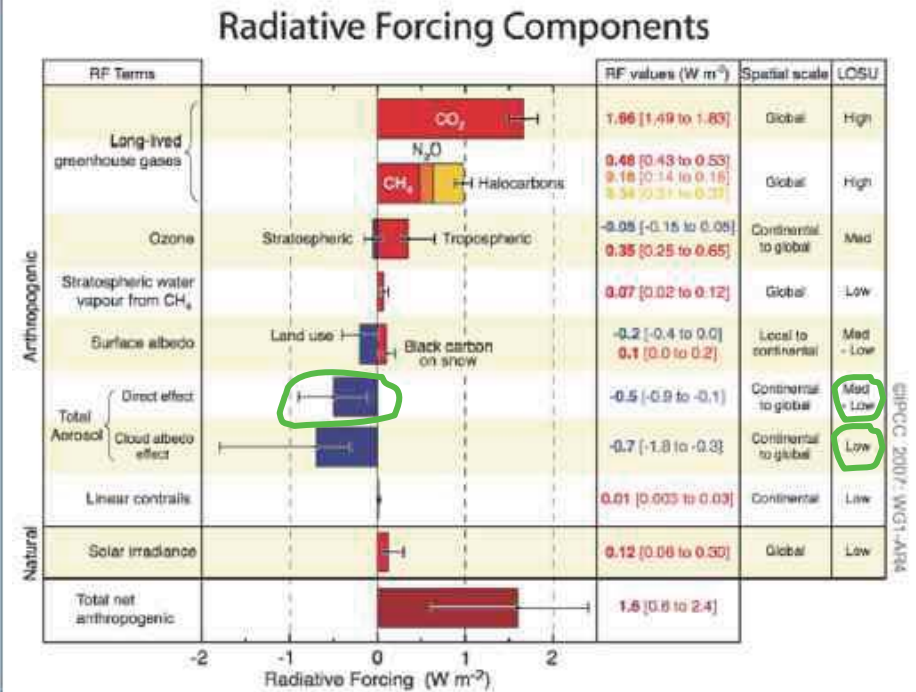
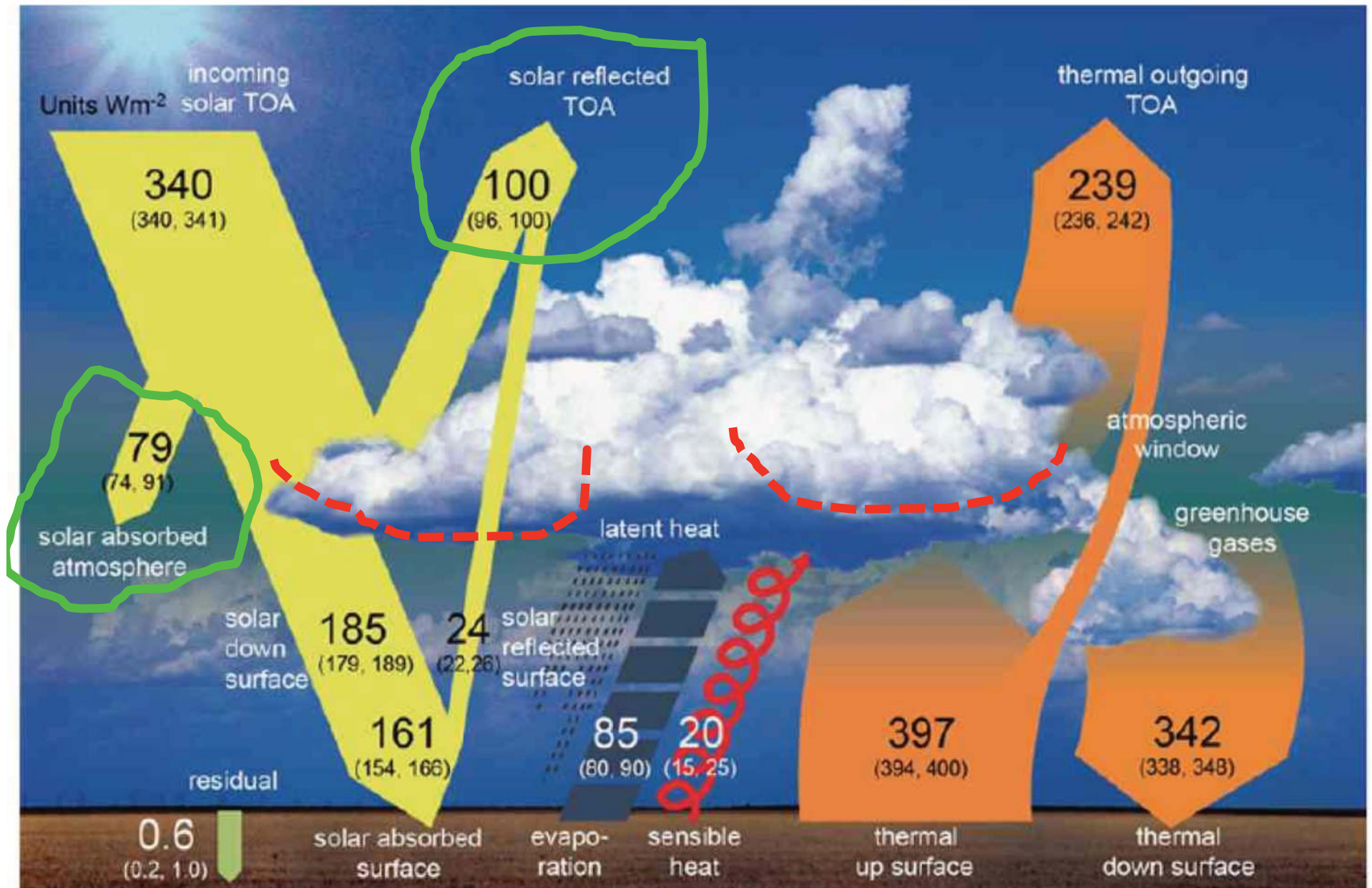


FIGURE SPM-2. Global-average radiative forcing (RF) estimates and ranges in 2005 for anthropogenic carbon dioxide (CO_2), methane (CH_4), nitrous oxide (N_2O) and other important agents and mechanisms, together with the typical geographical extent (spatial scale) of the forcing and the assessed level of scientific understanding (LOSU). The net anthropogenic radiative forcing and its range are also shown. These require summing asymmetric uncertainty estimates from the component terms, and cannot be obtained by simple addition. Additional forcing factors not included here are considered to have a very low LOSU. Volcanic aerosols contribute an additional natural forcing but are not included in this figure due to their episodic nature. Range for linear contrails does not include other possible effects of aviation on cloudiness. {2.9, Figure 2.20}

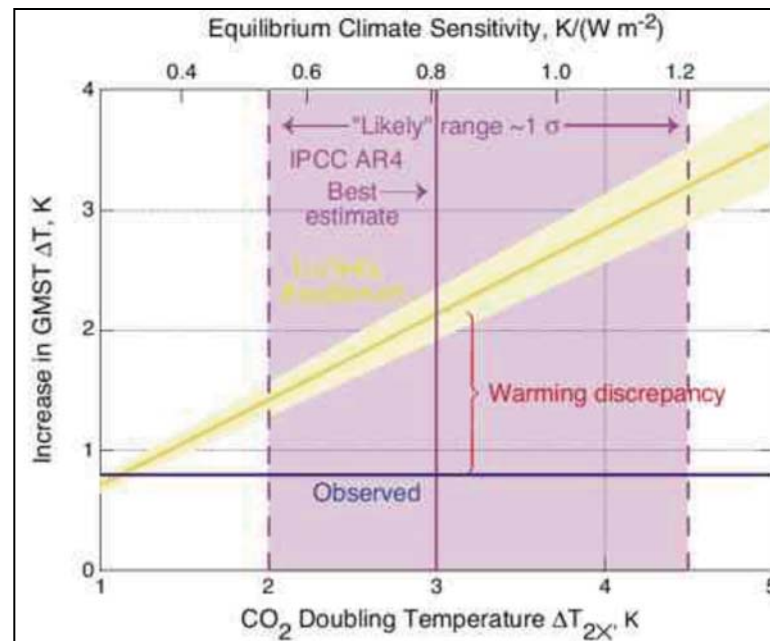
IPCC AR4, 2007
(EOS + ~ 6 years)

Global Energy Flows (W/m^2)



Wild et al., BAMS 2012!

Climate Sensitivity, Aerosols, and Climate Prediction



Schwartz et al., 2010

F! ∇! S! = ! T!
 Effective! Climate!
 Forcing! Sensitivity!
 Response!

- **Models are constrained by** historical global mean surface temperature (**GMST**) **change**!
- Forcing by LL greenhouse gas increase since pre-industrial: $\sim 2.6 \text{ W/m}^2$!
- ! GMST **Expected**: $\sim 2.1 \text{ K}$; ! GMST **Observed**: $\sim 0.8 \text{ K}$!
- **Discrepancy dominated by Aerosol Forcing vs. S** (disequilibrium, natural variation, etc. are less)!
- **Model Aerosol Forcing choices compensate for Climate Sensitivity differences** (Kiehl, GRL 2007)!

→ Aerosol forcing uncertainty directly impacts confidence in model predictions
 From a policy perspective, this bears upon the **urgency of mitigation** efforts

Aerosol Contribution to Global Climate Forcing!

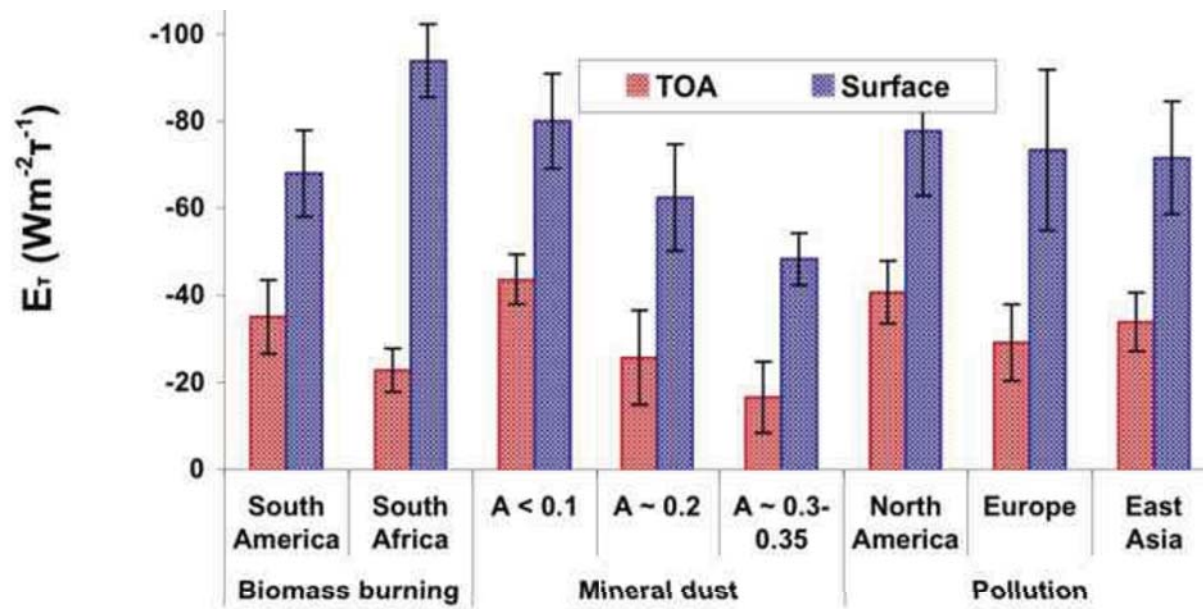
- Cloud-free, global, *Over-ocean*, vis, TOA DARF relative to zero aerosol: -5.5 ± 0.2 W/m²!
This is a *measurement-based* value, with *uncertainty based on diversity* among estimates!
(actual uncertainties are probably larger)!
- Taking 20% of aerosol to be anthropogenic, the *human-induced component* is: -1.1 ± 0.4 W/m²!
- Global TOA *anthropogenic total* ARF relative to pre-industrial: -1.3 (-2.2 to -0.5) W/m²!
This is a *model-based* value, with *uncertainty defined as diversity* among estimates;!
(actual uncertainties are probably much larger)!
- The models tend to agree on global AOD (as constrained by satellite & surface obs.), !
but differ on *regional-scale AOD*, aerosol *SSA*, and *vertical distribution*

From: CCSP - SAP 2.3, 2009!

How Good is “Good Enough”??

AOD Alone is Not Enough – Even for Direct Aerosol Radiative Forcing

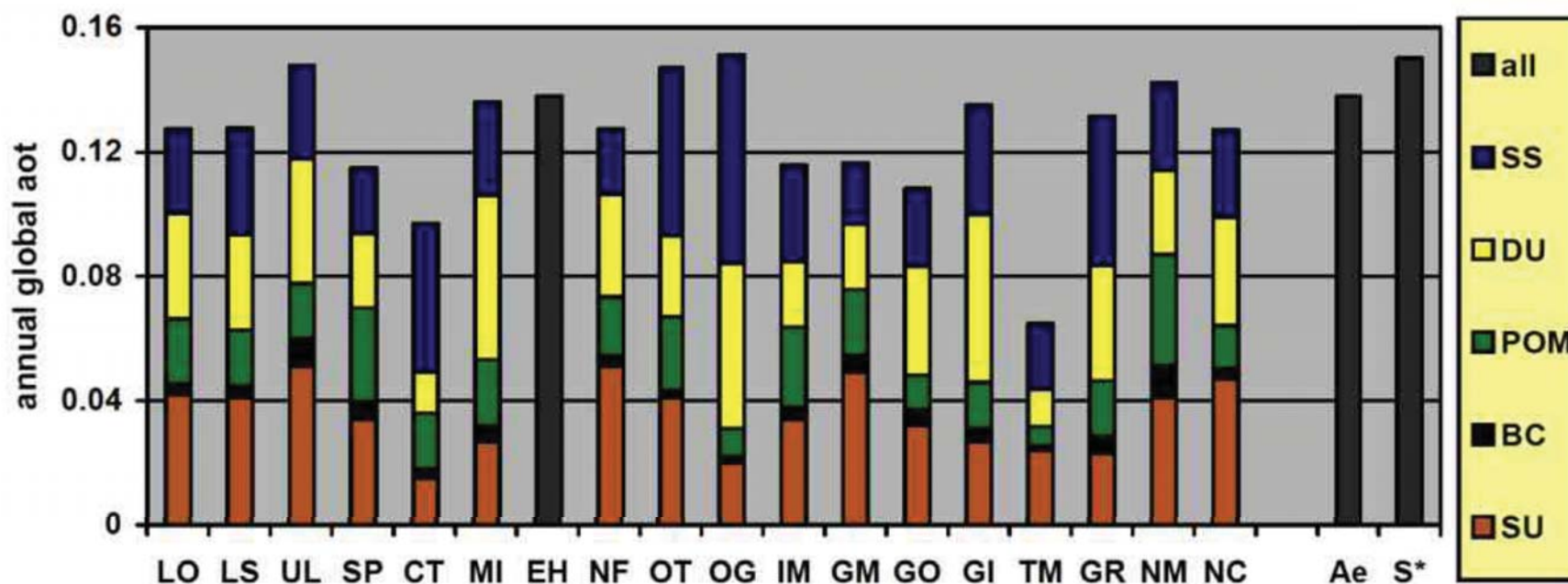
Direct Aerosol Radiative *Forcing Efficiency* per unit AOD!



From: Zhao et al., JGR 2005

- *Aerosol SSA*, *Vert. Dist.*, and *Surface Albedo* critical, esp. for *Surface Forcing*!
- For *Semi-direct Forcing*, *Aerosol SSA* and *Vertical Distribution* are critical!

Constraining DARF – The Next Big Challenge



Ae= AERONET; S*= Satellite composite!

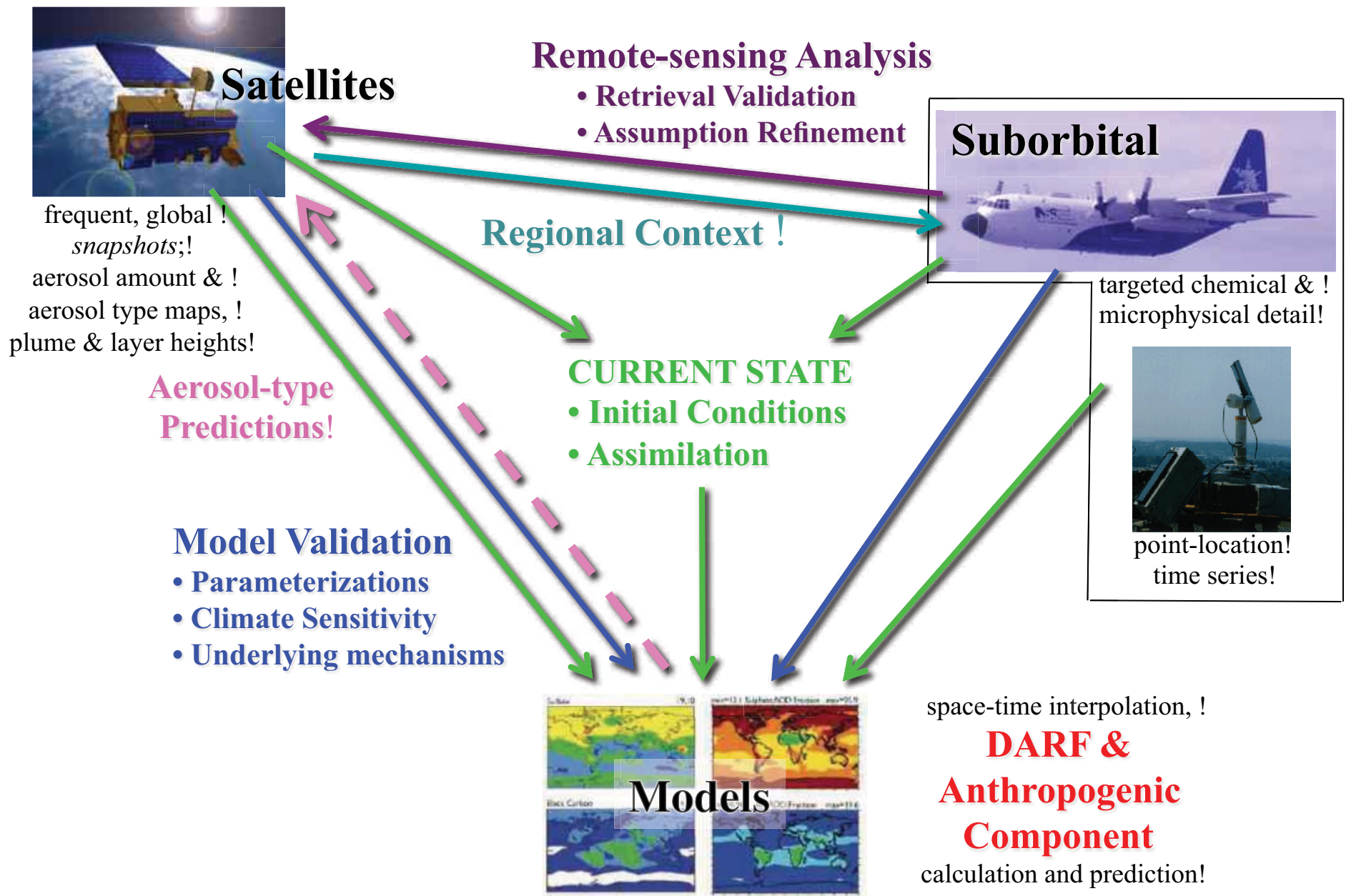
Kinne et al., ACP 2006

- Agreement among models is *increasingly good for AOD*, !
given the combined *AERONET*, *MISR*, and *MODIS* constraints!
- The next big observational challenge: !
Producing *monthly, global maps of Aerosol Type* !

How Good is Good Enough?

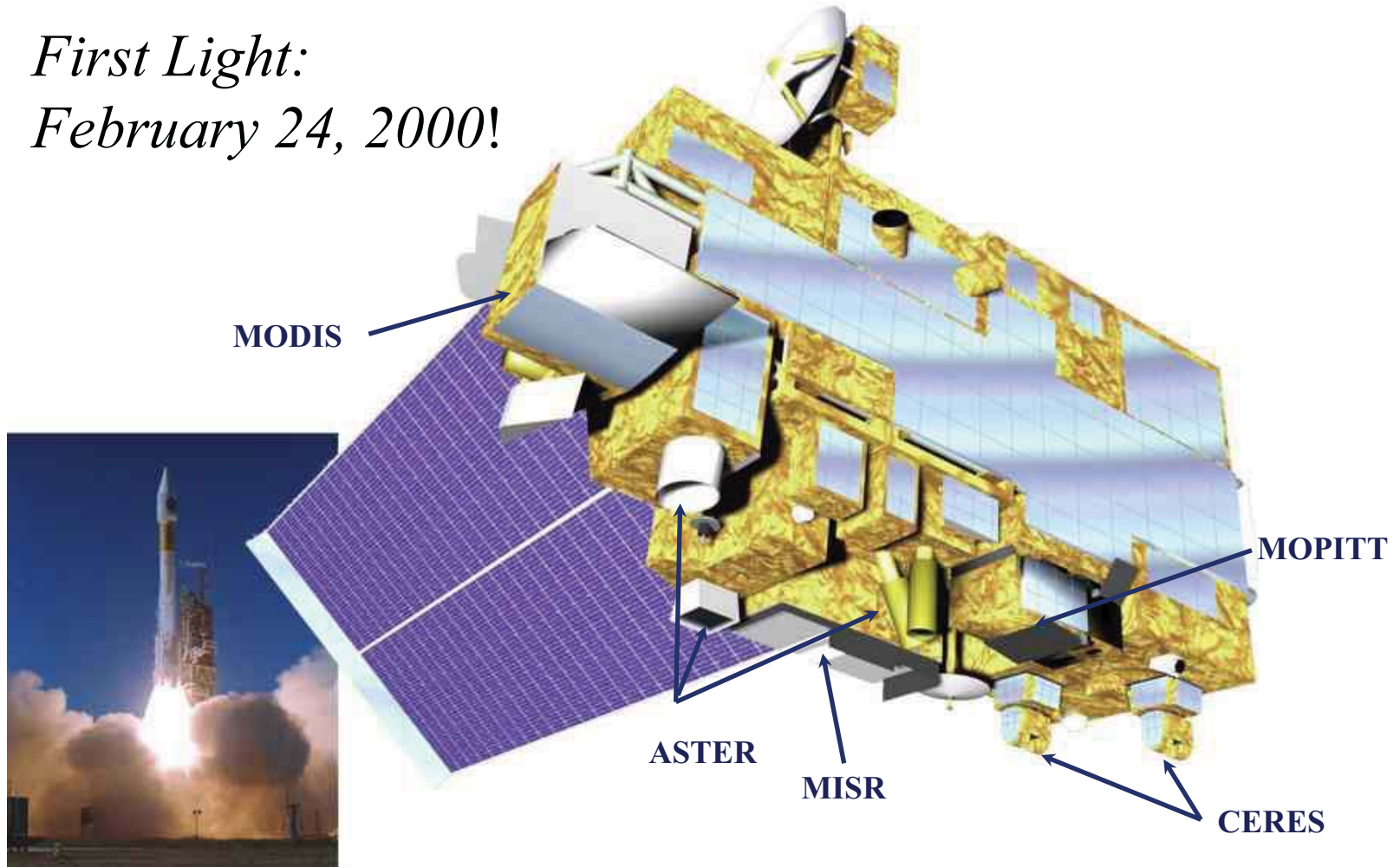
Instantaneous AOD & *SSA* uncertainty upper bounds for $\sim 1 \text{ W/m}^2$ TOA DARF accuracy: ~ 0.02

CCSP - SAP 2.3, 2009!



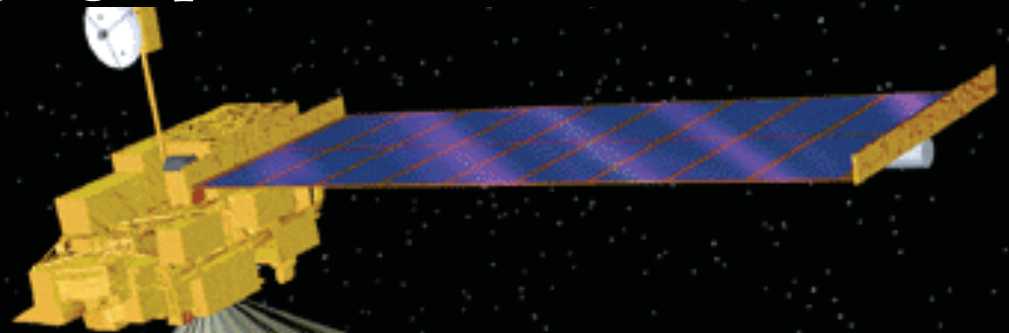
The NASA Earth Observing System's Terra Satellite

*First Light:
February 24, 2000!*



Source: Terra Project Office / NASA Goddard Space Flight Center!

Multi-angle Imaging SpectroRadiometer



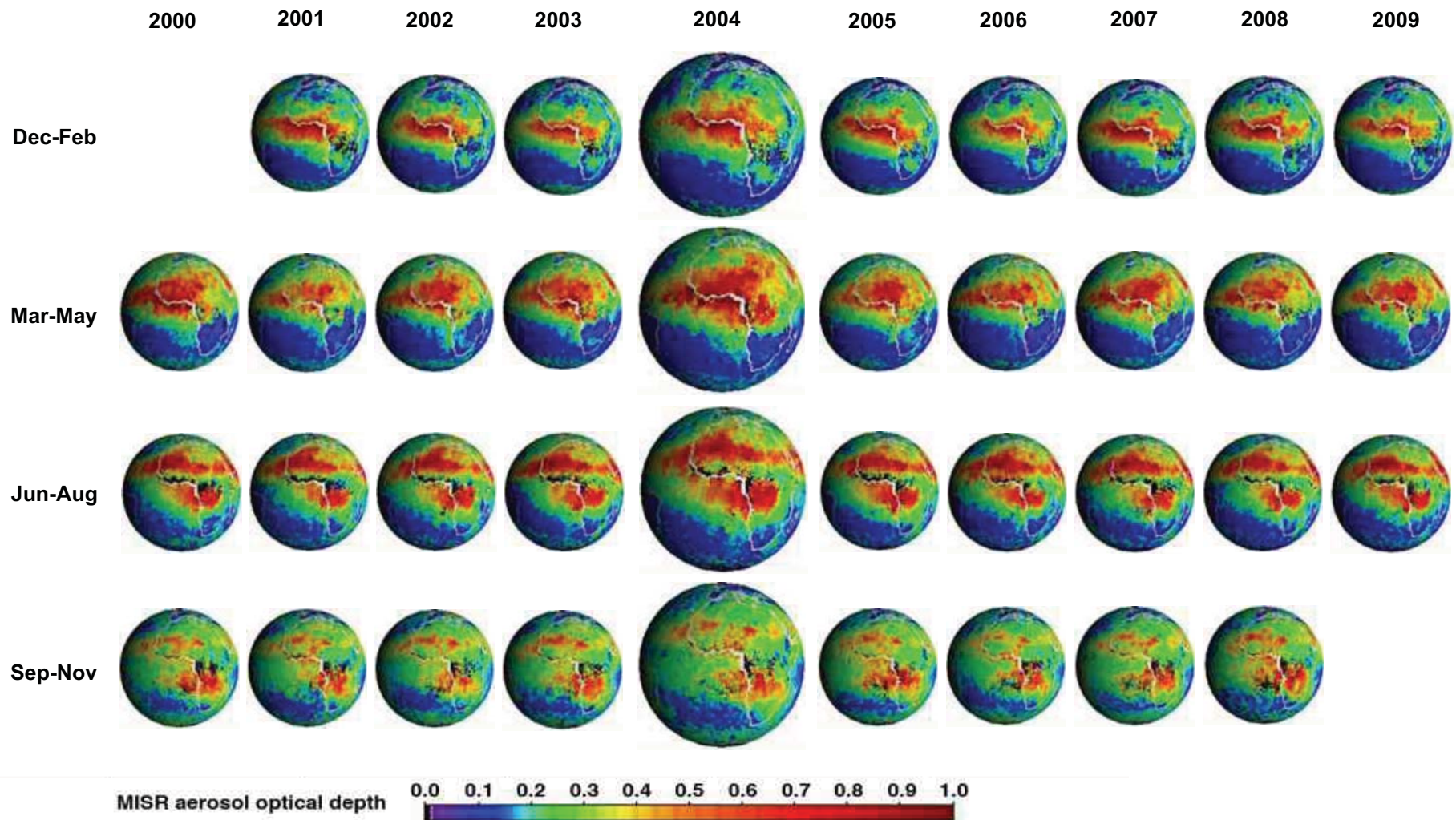
<http://www-misr.jpl.nasa.gov>

<http://eosweb.larc.nasa.gov>

- Nine CCD push-broom cameras
- Nine view angles at Earth surface:
70.5° forward to 70.5° aft
- Four spectral bands at each angle:
446, 558, 672, 866 nm
- **Studies Aerosols, Clouds, & Surface**

Aerosol Retrievals –
Aerosol Optical Depth!

Ten Years of Seasonally Averaged ! Mid-visible Aerosol Optical Depth from **MISR**

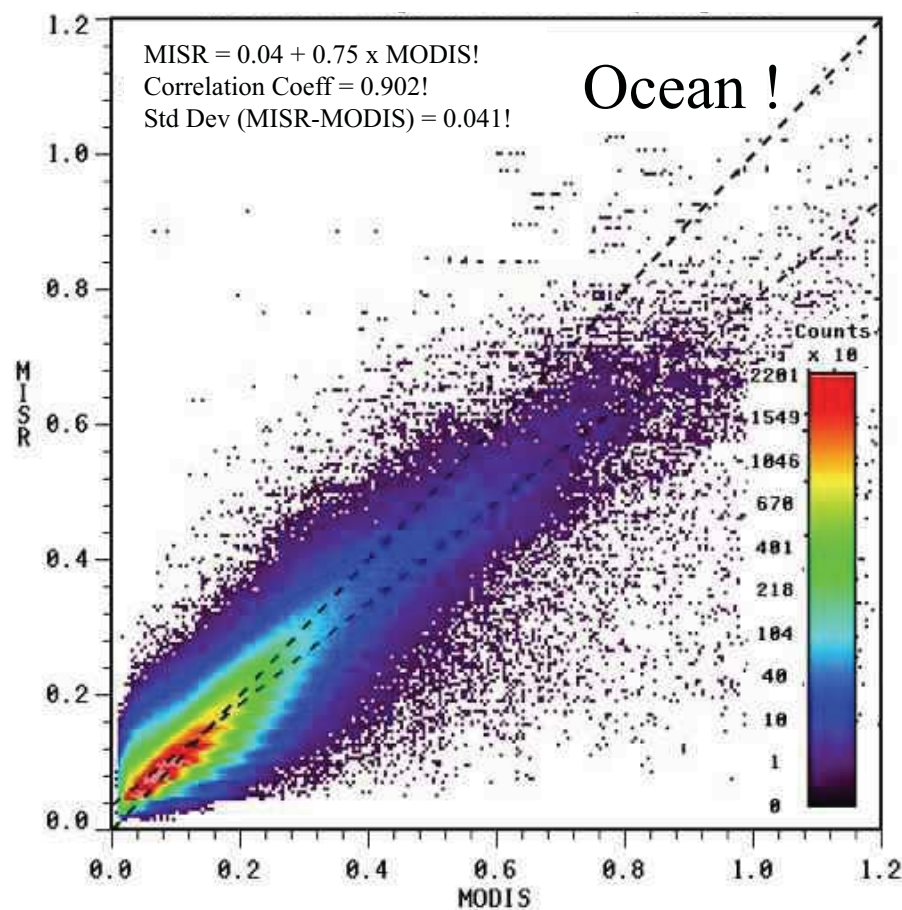


...includes bright desert dust source regions

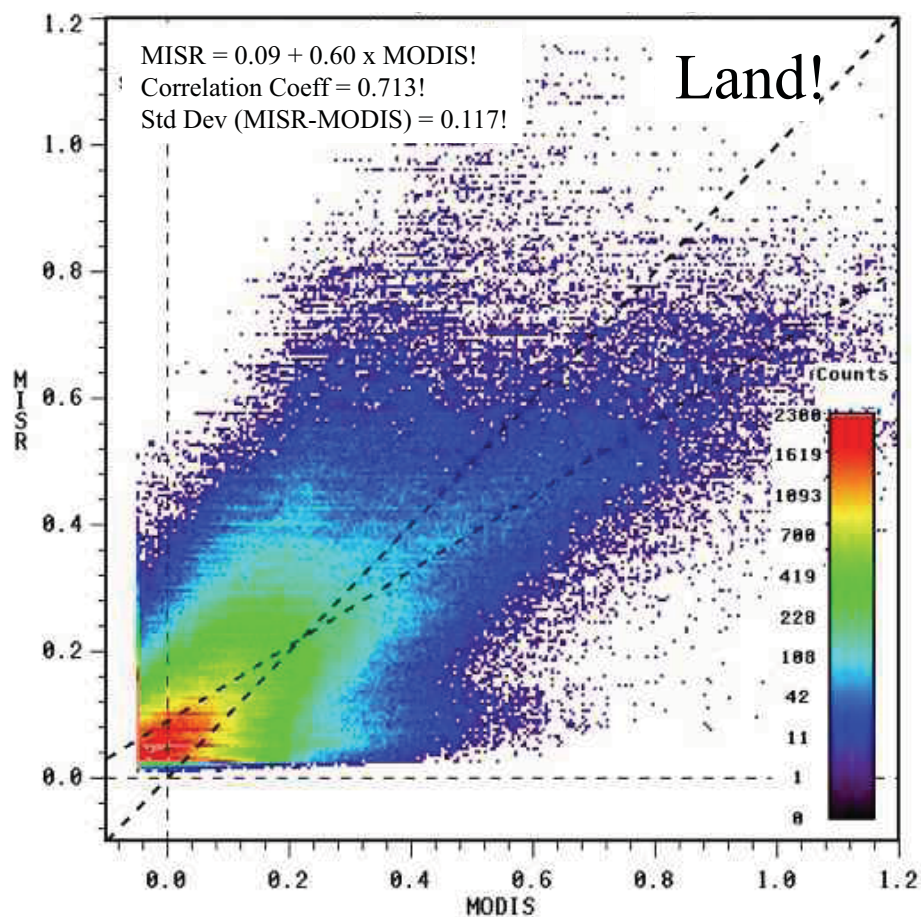
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MISR-MODIS *Aerosol Optical Depth* Comparison

[MISR V22 vs. MODIS/Terra Collection 5; January 2006 Coincident Data]

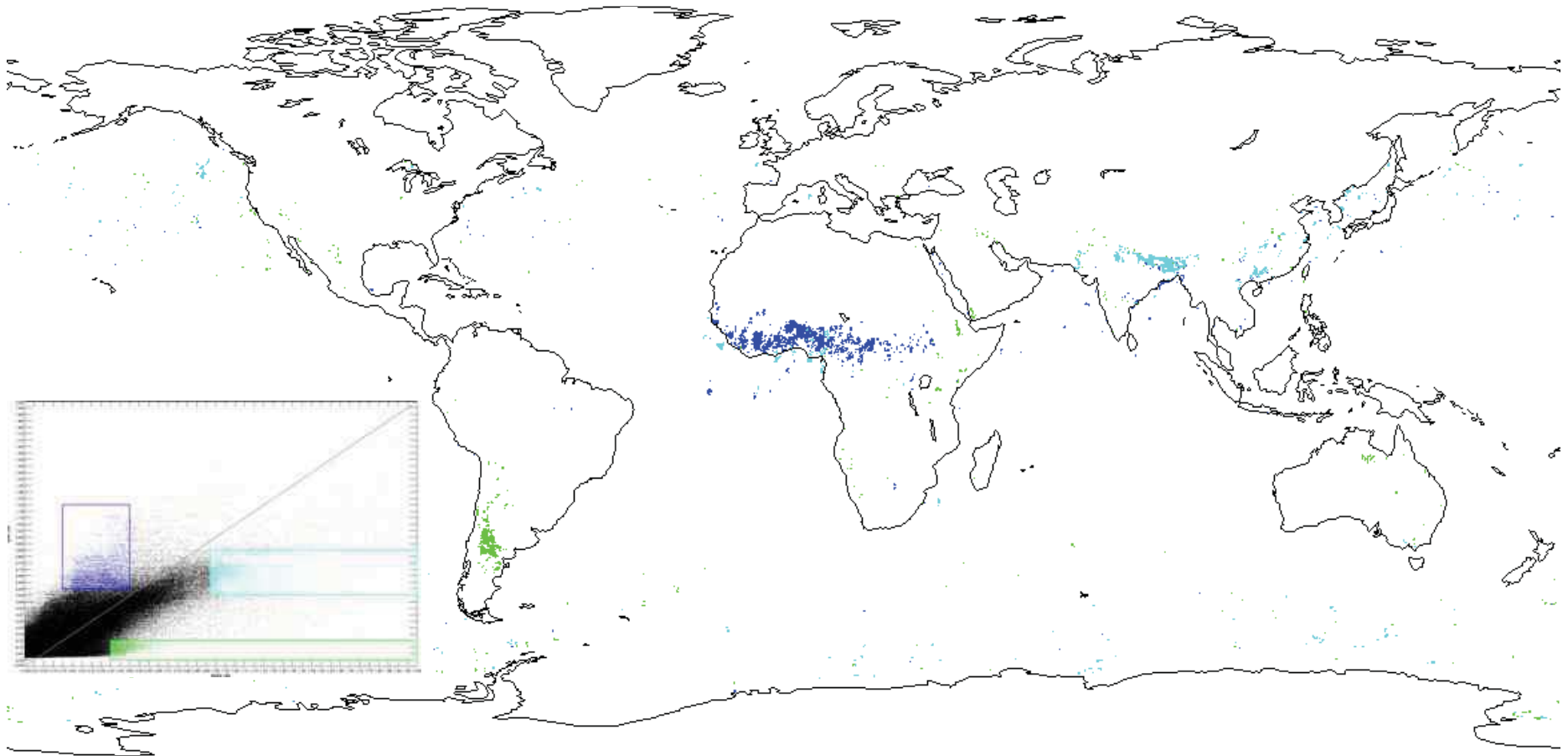


Over-ocean regression coefficient **0.90**
Regression line slope 0.75!
MODIS QC # 1!



Over-land regression coefficient **0.71**
Regression line slope 0.60!
MODIS QC = 3!

MISR-MODIS Coincident AOT ***Outlier Clusters!***



Dark Blue [MISR > MODIS] – N. Africa ***Mixed Dust & Smoke***

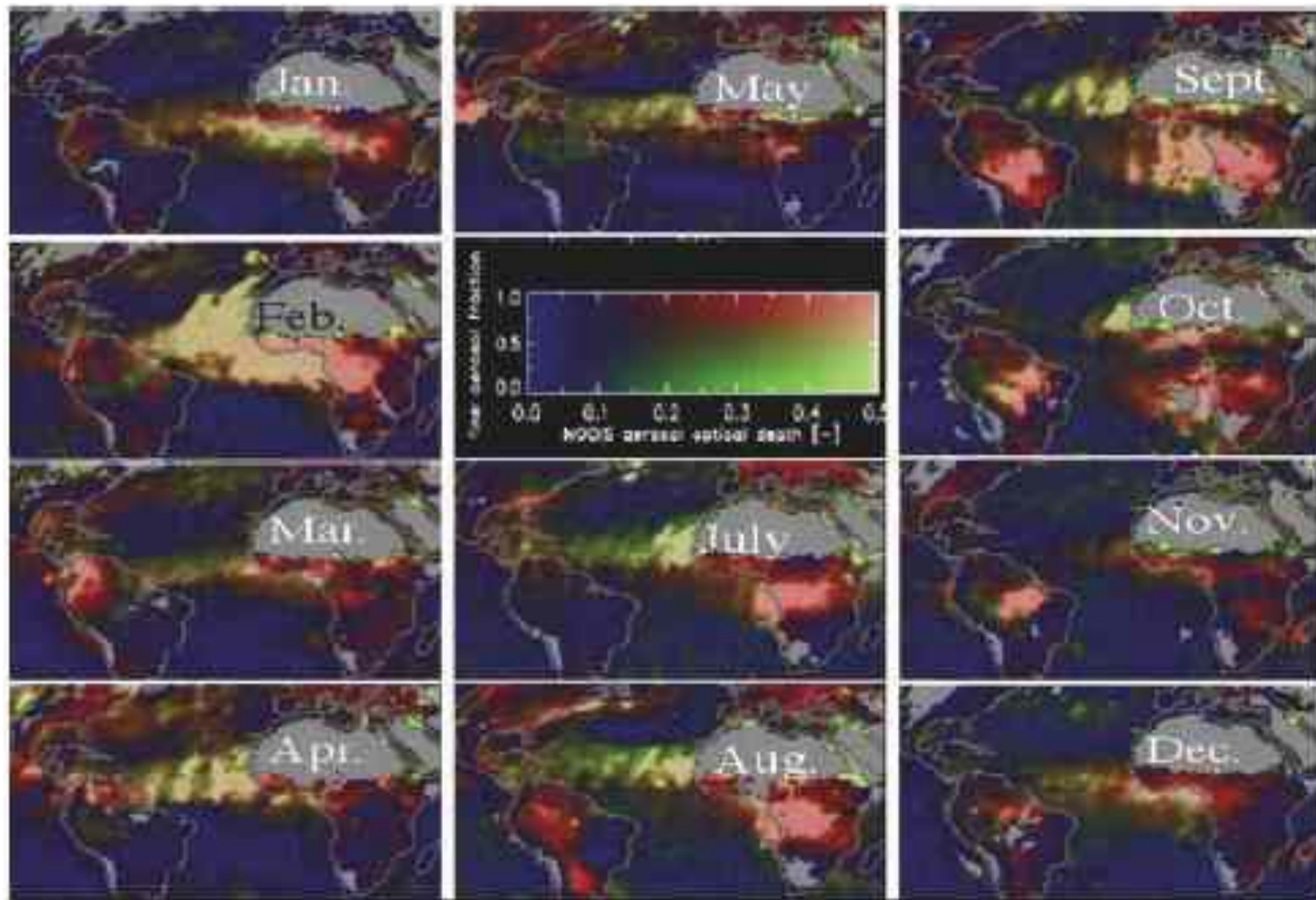
Cyan [MODIS > MISR, AOD large] – Indo-Gangetic Plain ***Dark Pollution Aerosol***

Green [MODIS >> MISR] – Patagonia and N. Australia ***MODIS Unscreened Bright Surface***

Aerosol Retrievals –
Aerosol Microphysical Properties!

One MODIS Aerosol Type Classification: !

Low AOT (blue), **High AOT+Coarse** (green), **High AOT+Fine** (red) !



Los Alamos Fire, New Mexico May 9, 2000



MISR 60° Forward!



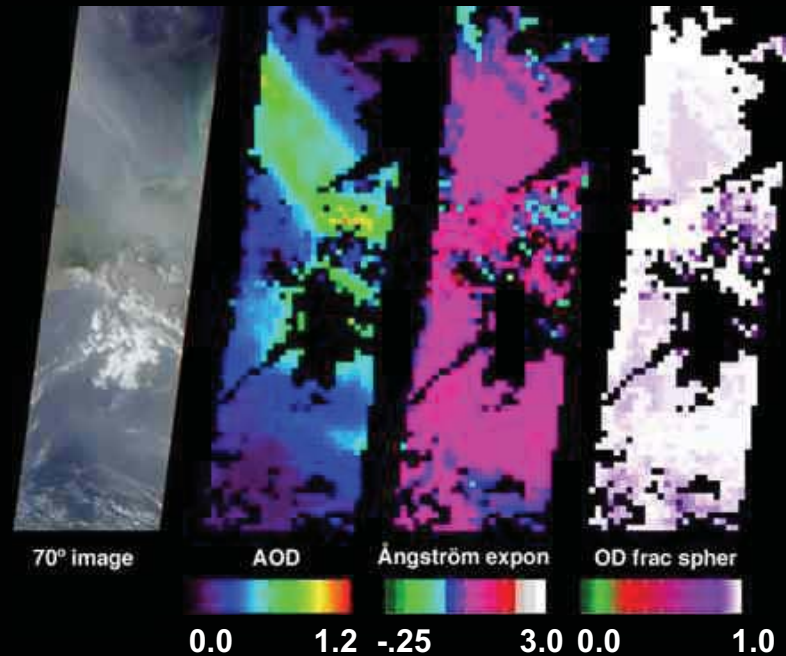
MISR Nadir!



MISR 60° Aft

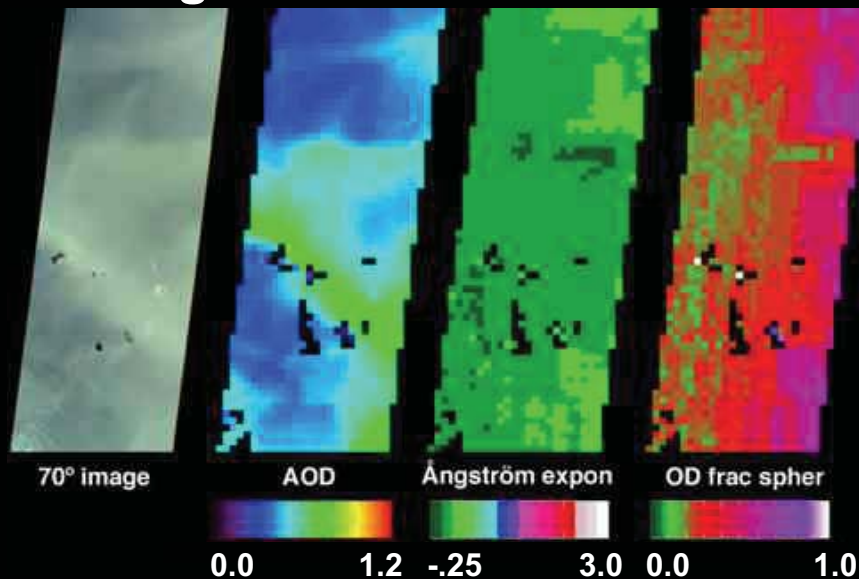
Smoke from Mexico -- 02 May 2002

Aerosol:!
Amount!
Size!
Shape



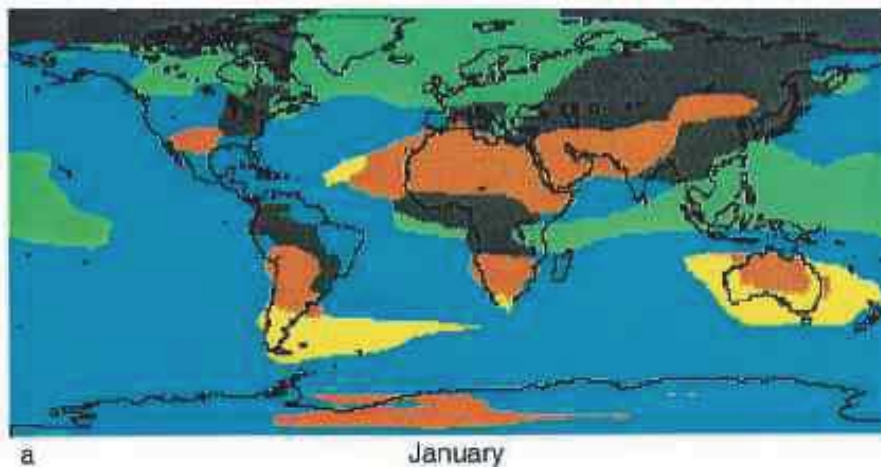
Medium!
Spherical!
Smoke!
Particles!

Dust blowing off the Sahara Desert -- 6 February 2004

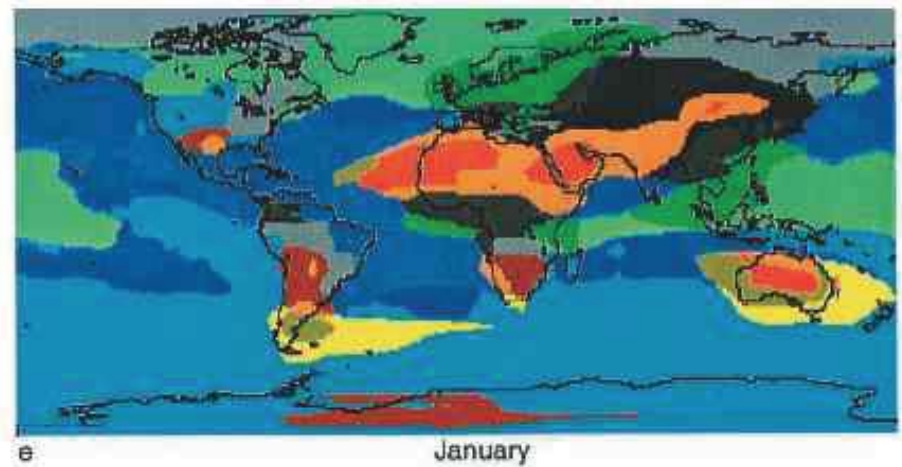


Large!
Non-Spherical!
Dust!
Particles!

With current technology, we are aiming for Regional-to-Global Aerosol Type Discrimination something like this...!



5 Groupings Based on Aerosol Properties!



13 Groupings Based on Aerosol Properties!

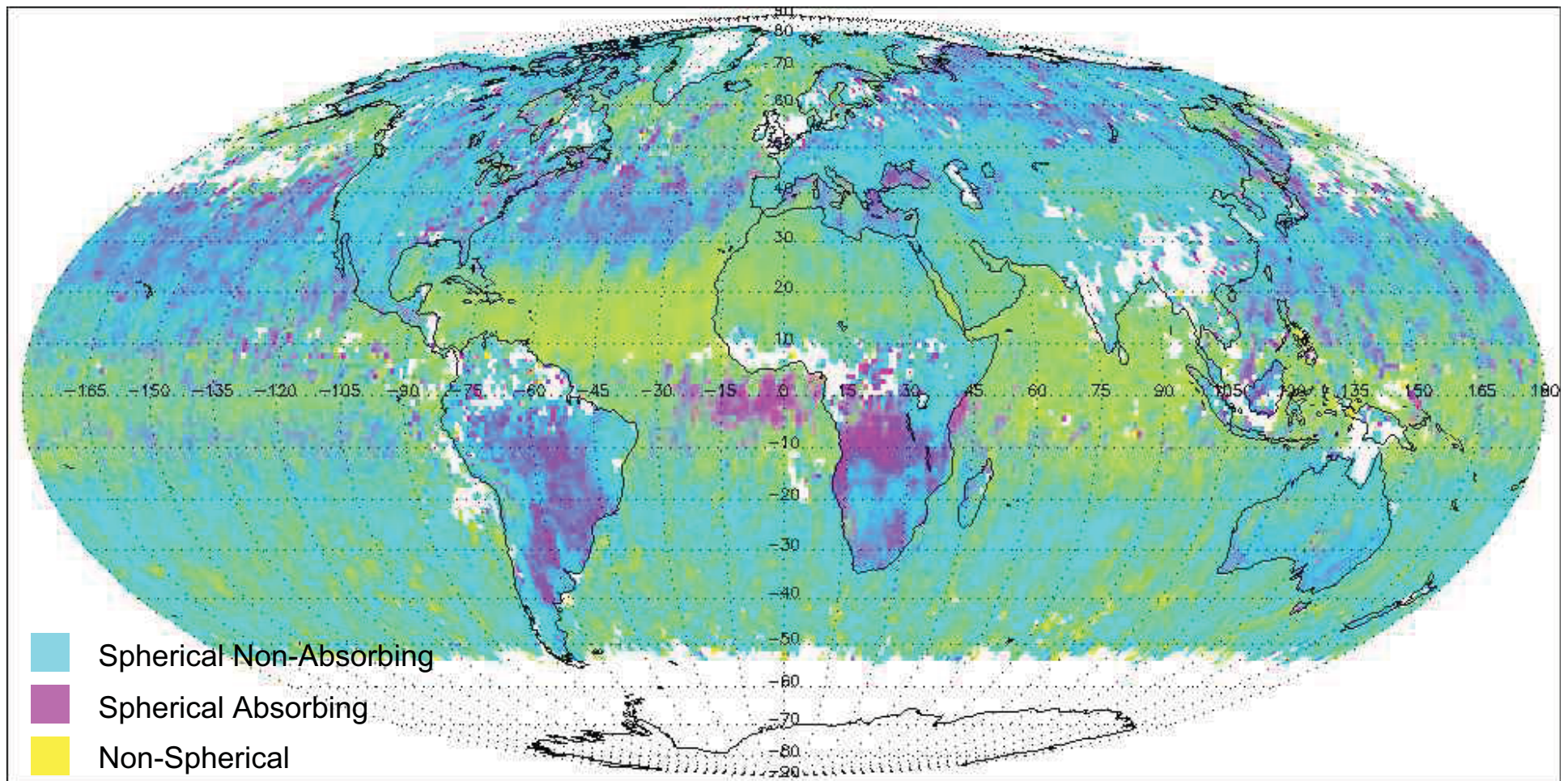
Global, Monthly Aerosol Maps Based on Expected MISR Sensitivity!

The examples shown here are simulated from aerosol transport model calculations...!

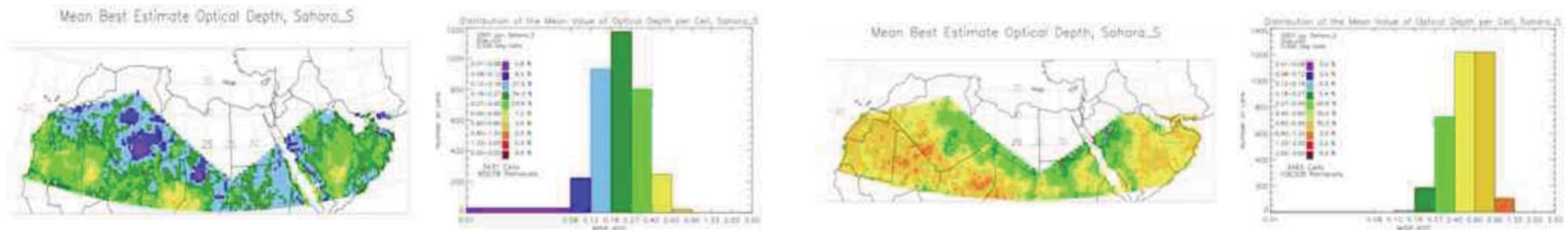
- With MISR – *About a dozen Aerosol Air Mass type distinctions*, !
based on 3-5 size bins, 2-4 bins based on SSA, and spherical vs. non!
 - Sensitivity depends on conditions; $AOD > \sim 0.15$ needed, etc.!
- Adding **NIR & UV** wavelengths, **Polarization** should increase this capability !

MISR *Aerosol Type* Distribution

MISR Version 22, July 2007

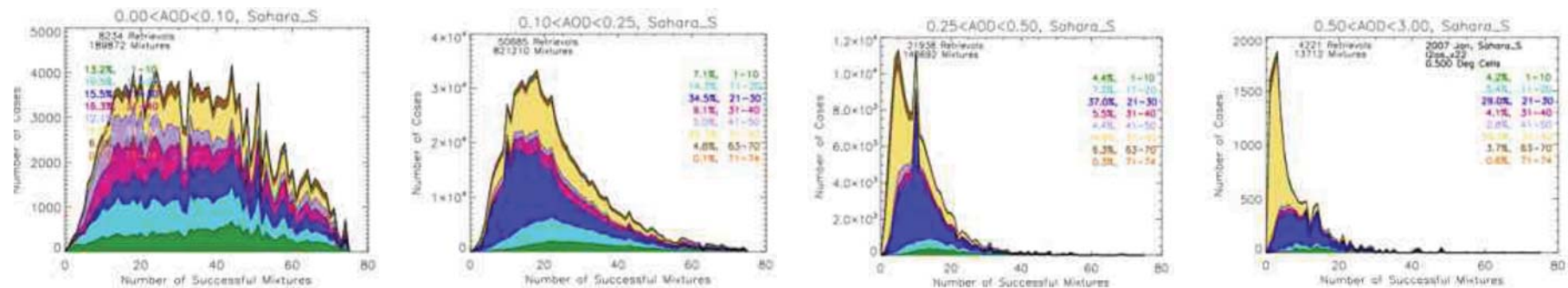


Steps Toward MISR Standard Product *Aerosol-Type Quality Flag*

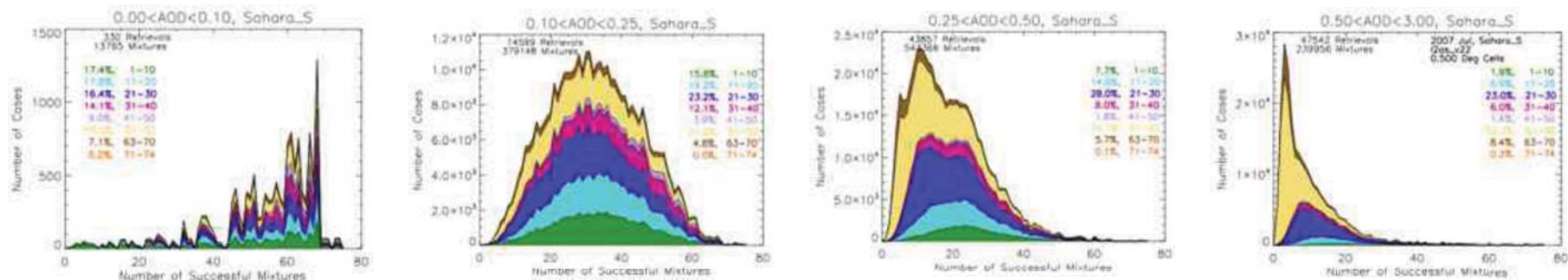


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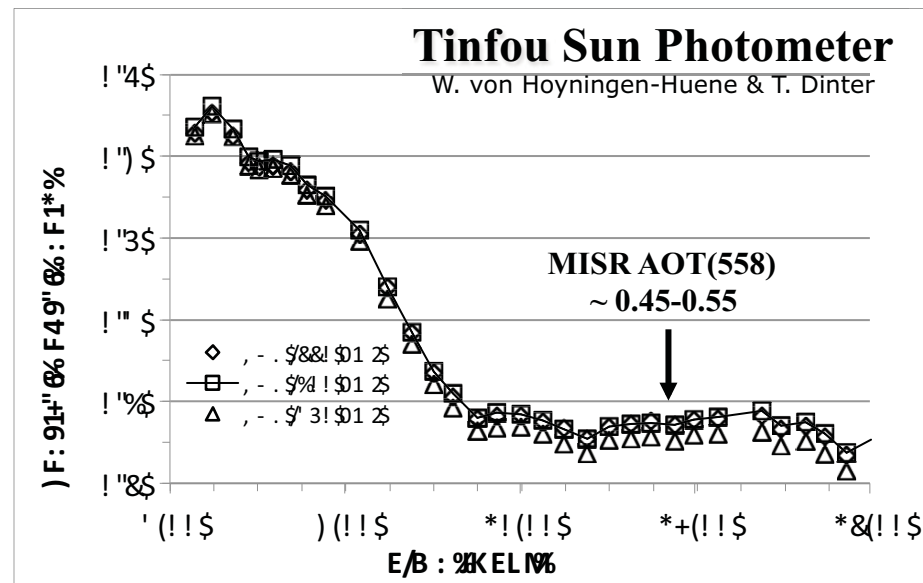
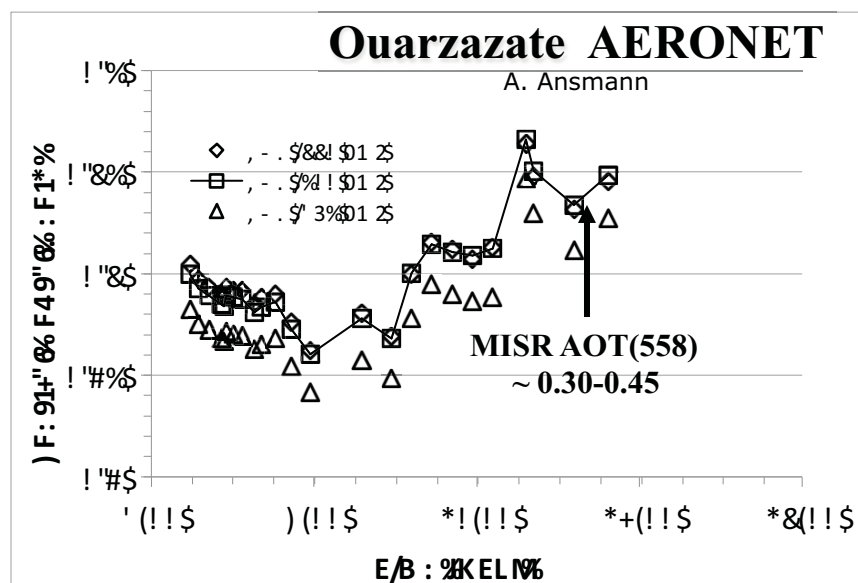
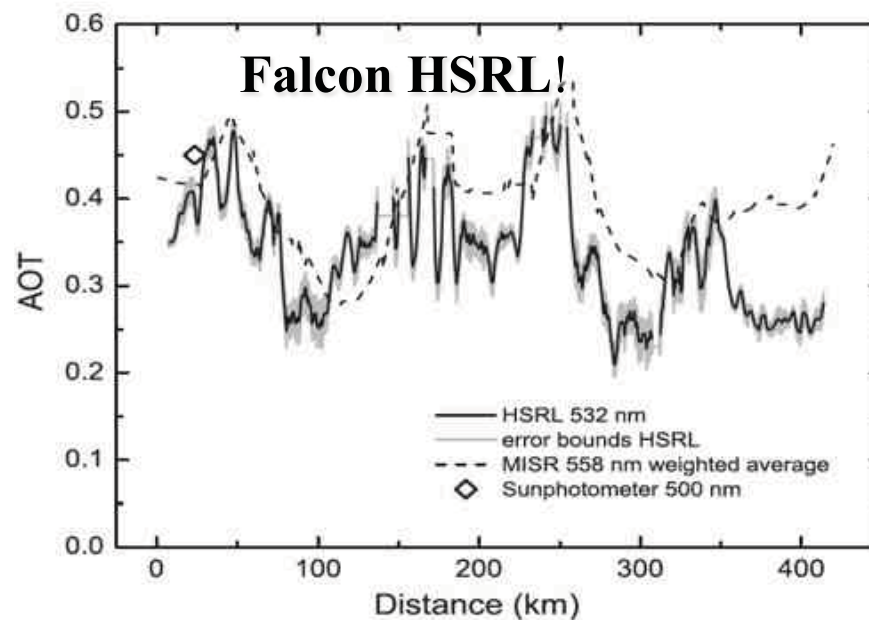
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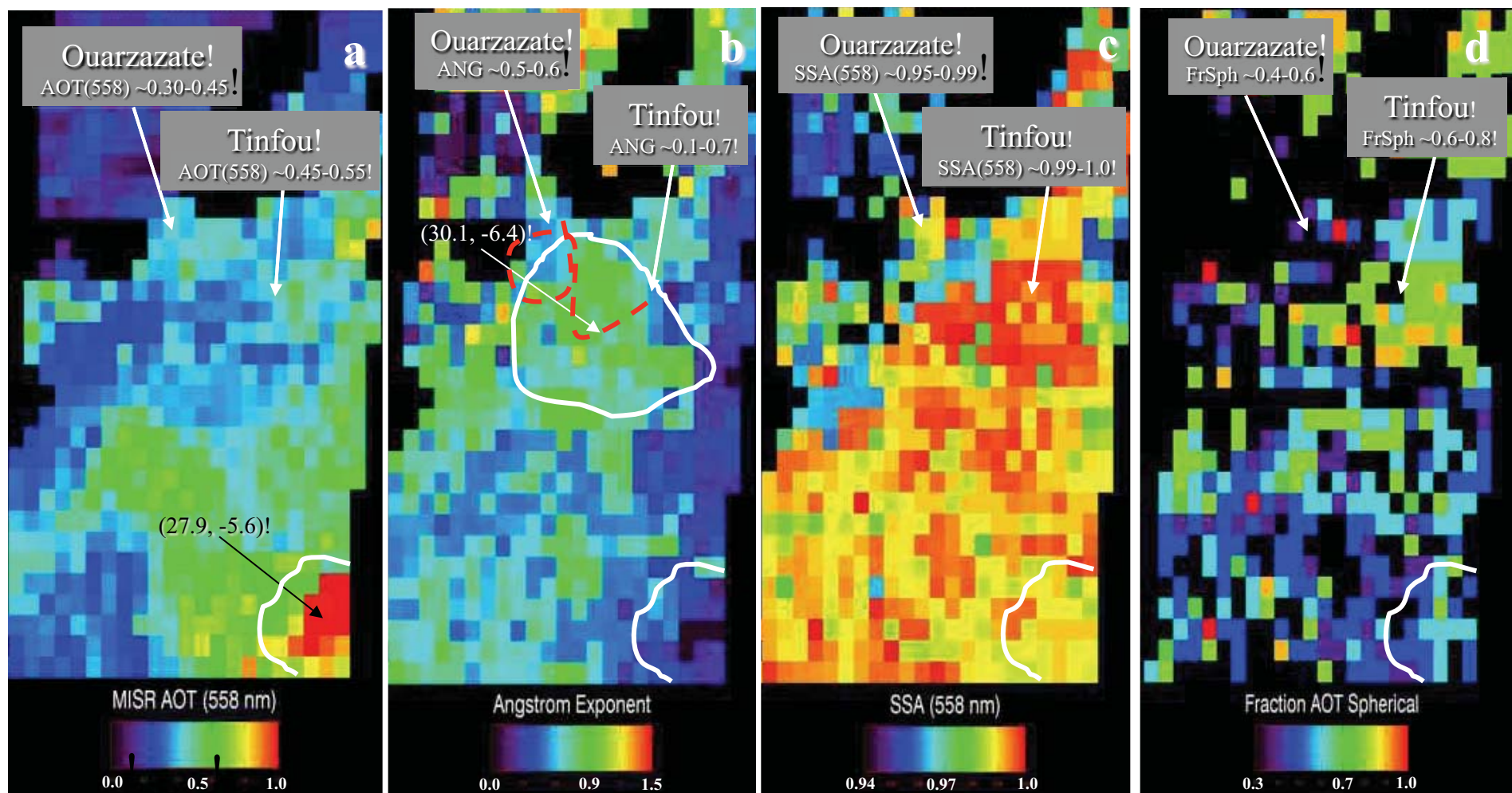
... because aerosol Type is much more sensitive to retrieval conditions than AOD

SAMUM Campaign Morocco – June 04, 2006



MISR SAMUM Aerosol Air Masses (V19) - June 04, 2006

Orbit 34369, Path 201, Blocks 65-68, 11:11 UTC



- A **dust-laden density flow in the SE** corner of the MISR swath
- **High SSA, ANG & Fraction Spherical** region SE of Ouarzazate, includes Zagora!

Kahn et al., Tellus 2009!

MISR Aerosol V22 Algorithm Upgrade Priorities

Supporting Dust, Smoke, & Aerosol Pollution Applications

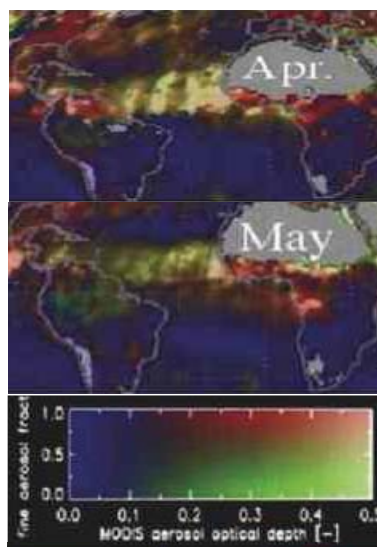
- Based on *10 Years of Validation* Data!
 - *Low-light-level* gap & quantization noise!
!
 - *High-AOD underestimation* of AOD (*missing low-SSA particles; algorithm issues*)!
!
 - Missing *Medium-mode* particles ($r_{eff} \sim 0.57, 1.28 \mu\text{m}$)!
!
 - More spherical, *absorbing particles* ($SSA \sim 0.94, 0.84$, maybe 0.74)!
!
 - *Mixtures of smoke & dust* analogs; more *Bi- and Tri-modal* spherical mixtures!
!
 - *Flag* indicating when there is insufficient sensitivity for *particle property* retrieval!
(possibly different retrieval path under this condition)!
!
 - Lack of a good *Coarse-mode Dust Optical Analog* remains an issue!
!

Applications –

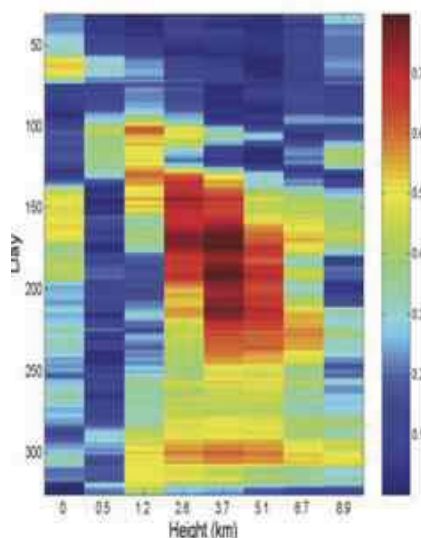
**Types, Plume Heights,
& Transports**

Dust, Smoke, Volcanic Ash

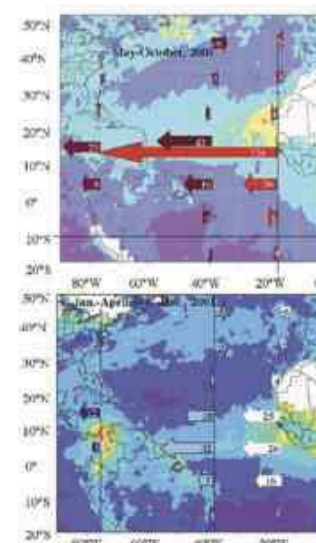
Aerosol Material Fluxes: Atlantic Dust & Asian Pollution



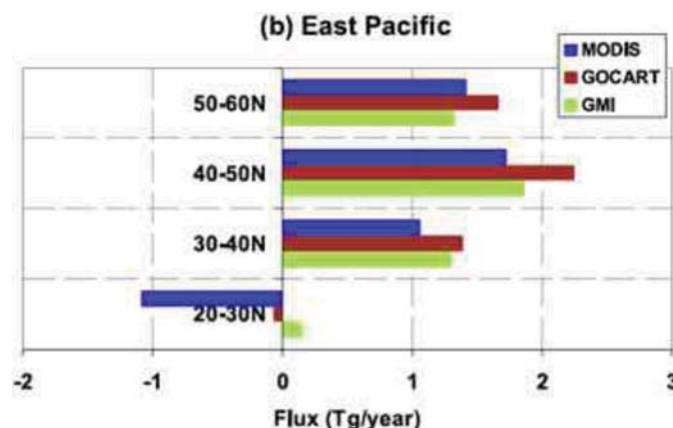
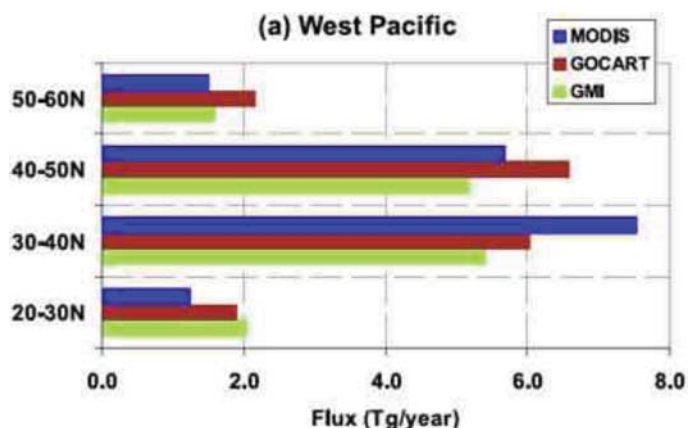
MODIS AOD & Type
Low AOD, Fine BioBurn, Coarse Dust



NCEP **W Wind** - MODIS **AOD!**
Correlation 2.6-5 km; May-October



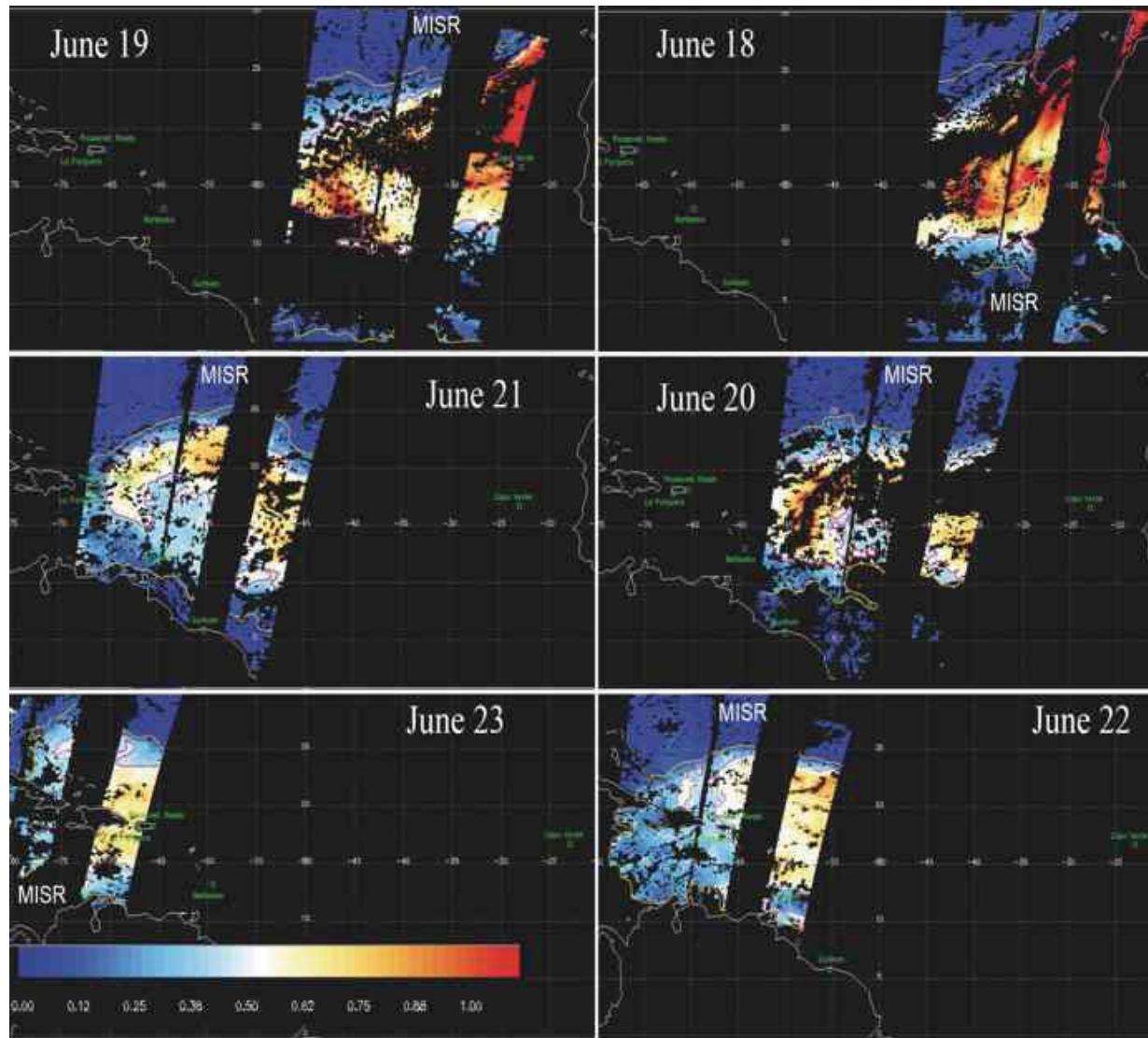
Dust Transport Estimate (Tg)
May-October (Top) January-April (Bot)
Kaufman et al., JGR 2005



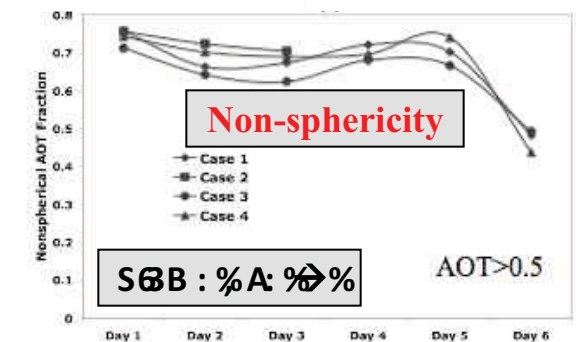
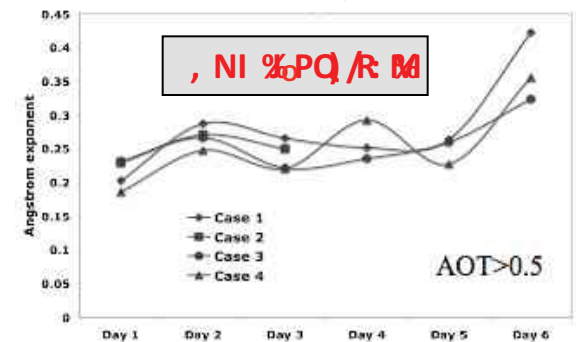
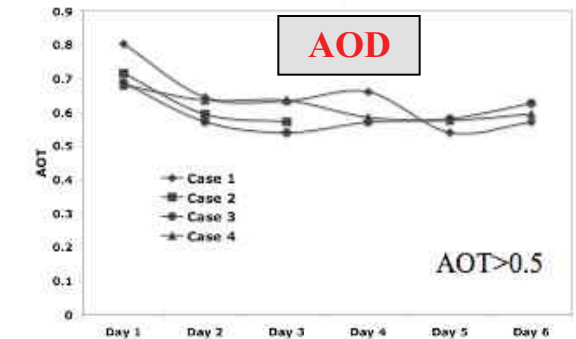
MODIS AOD & type, **Field Campaign** aerosol properties & vertical distribution, GEOS model winds;!
Compared with GOCART and GMI model Fine-particle mass fluxes! *Yu et al., JGR 2008*

Constraining Aerosol Sources, Transports, & Sinks"

Complementary MISR & MODIS AOD; Saharan Dust Plume over Atlantic June 19-23, 2000!



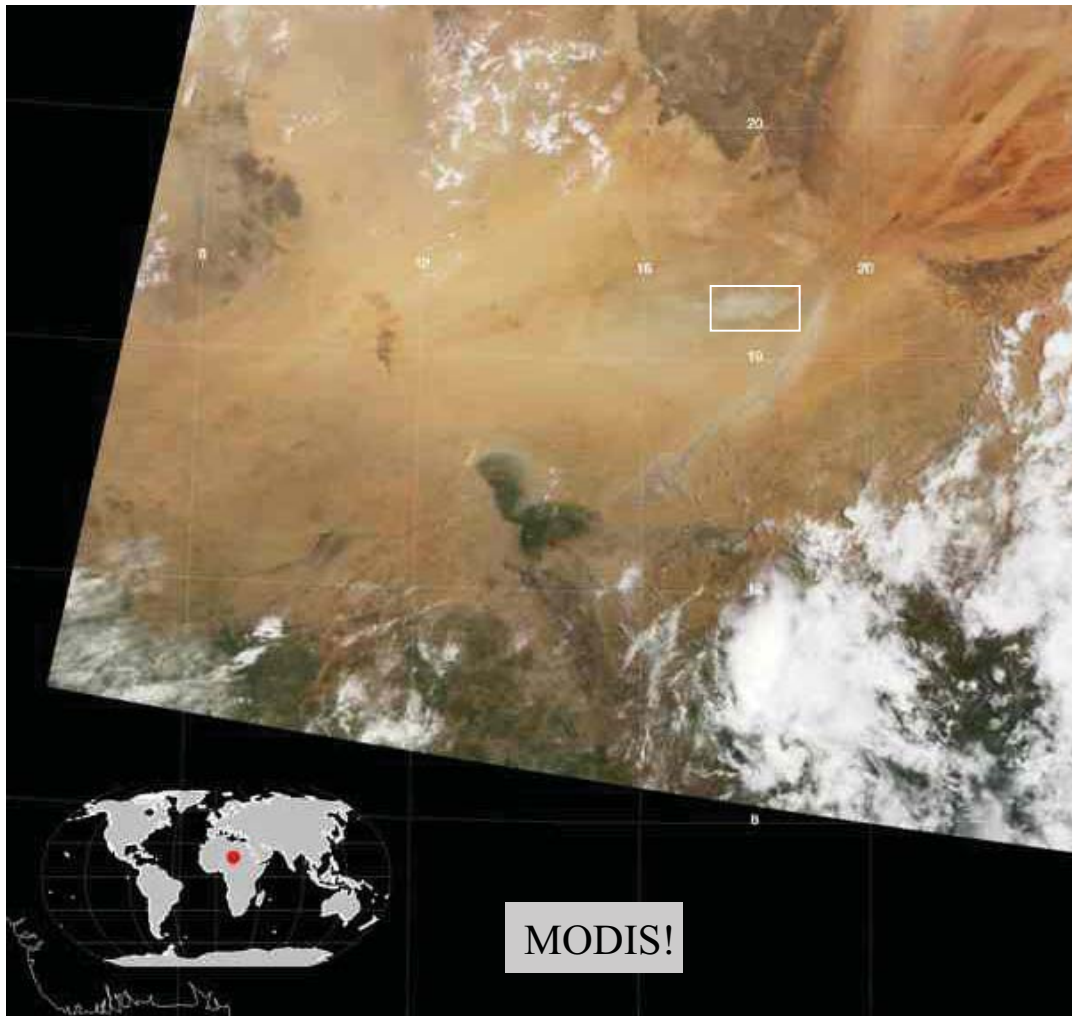
Contours: AOT=0.15 (yellow); AOT=0.5 (purple)!



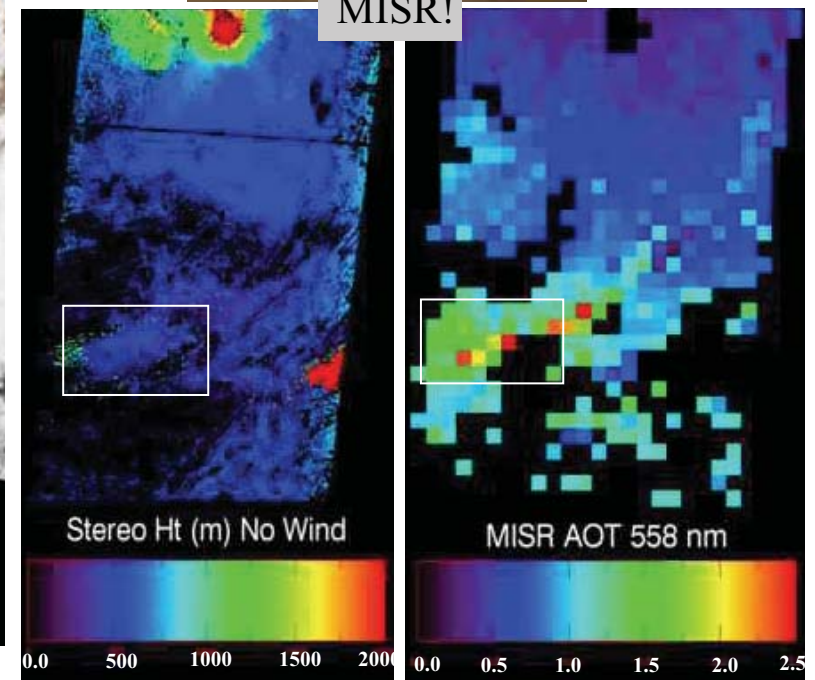
Kalashnikova and Kahn, JGR 2008!

Saharan Dust Source Plume

Bodele Depression Chad June 3, 2005 Orbit 29038



MISR!

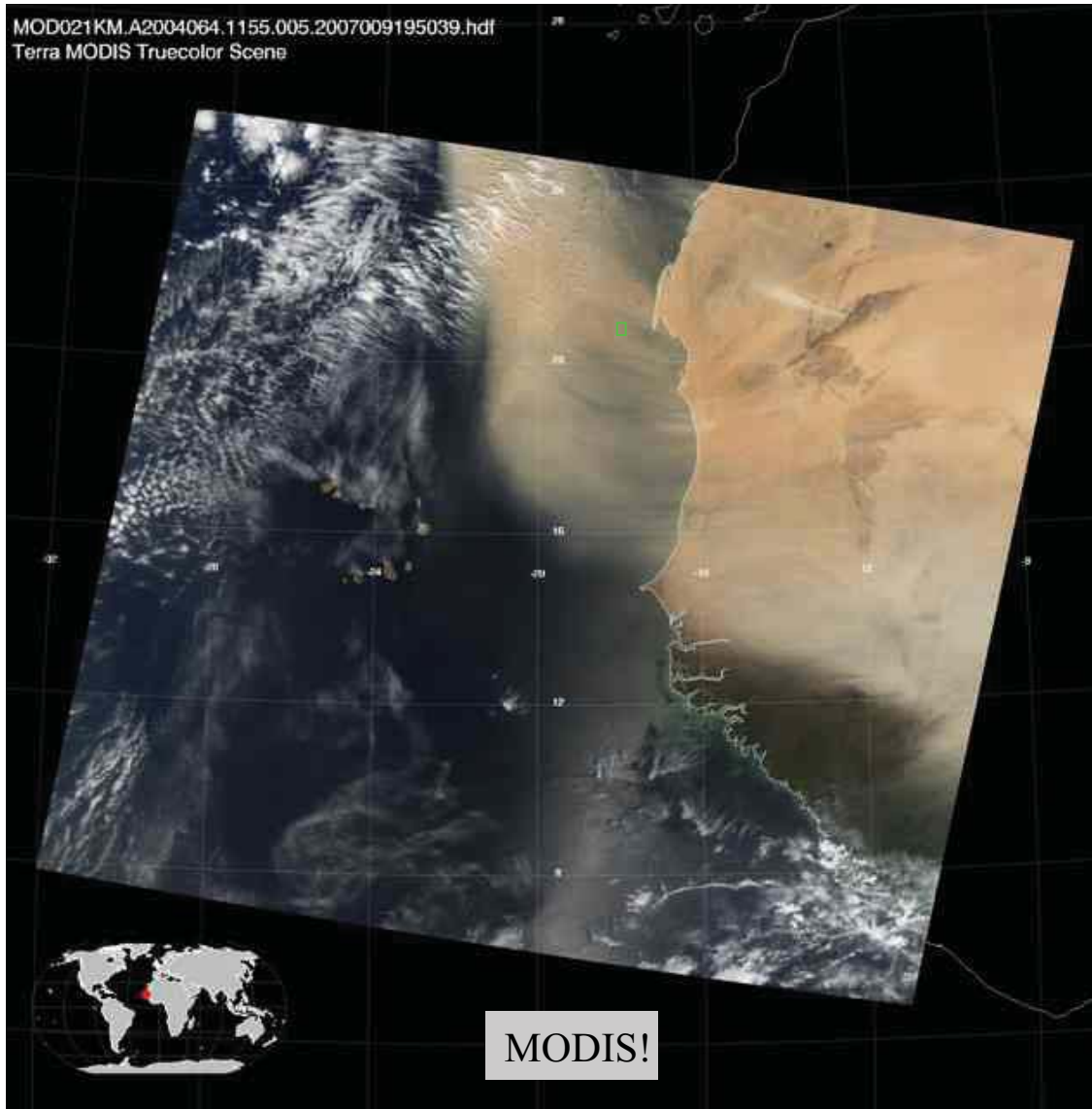


Dust is injected near-surface...!

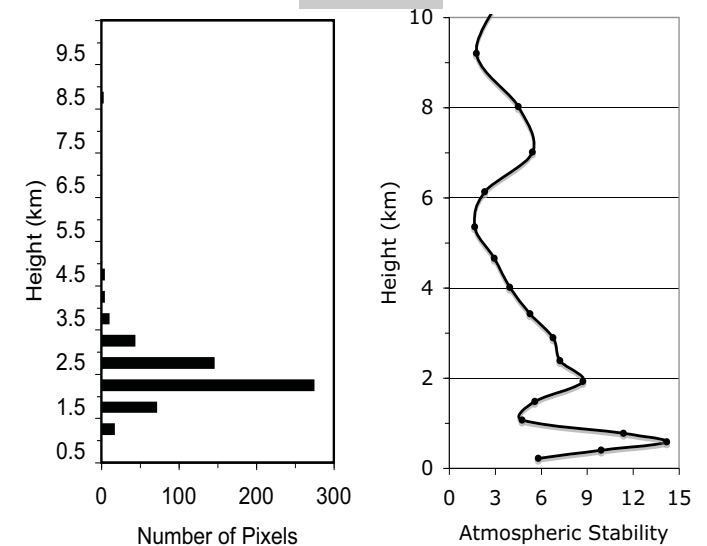
Kahn et al., JGR 2007!

Transported Dust Plume

Atlantic, off Mauritania March 4, 2004 Orbit 22399



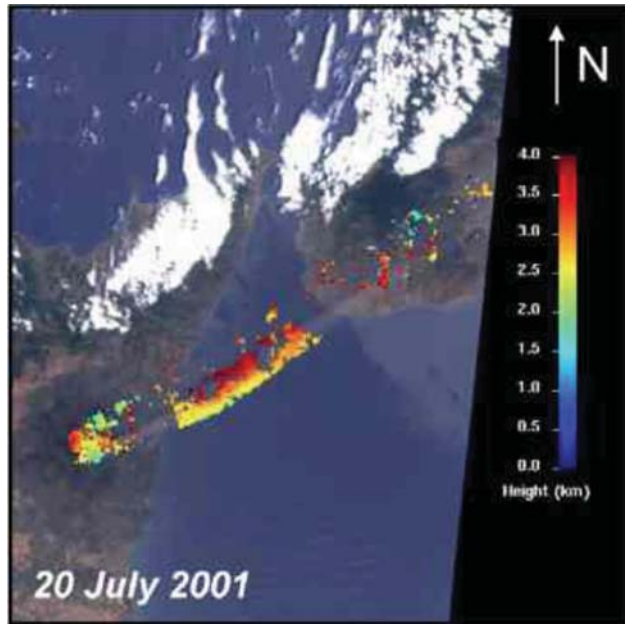
MISR!



Transported dust finds elevated layer of relative stability... ! Kahn et al., JGR 2007!

Mount Etna Plume Height and Eruption Style from MISR

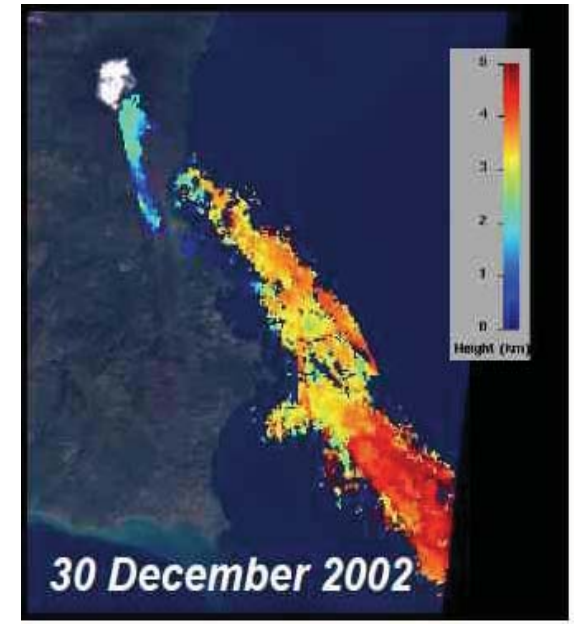
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MISR nadir-viewing, true-color image showing Etna, with stereo-derived plume height superposed



29 Sept. 2006 – MISR retrieved mostly small spherical particles, indicating a sulfate/water-dominated plume

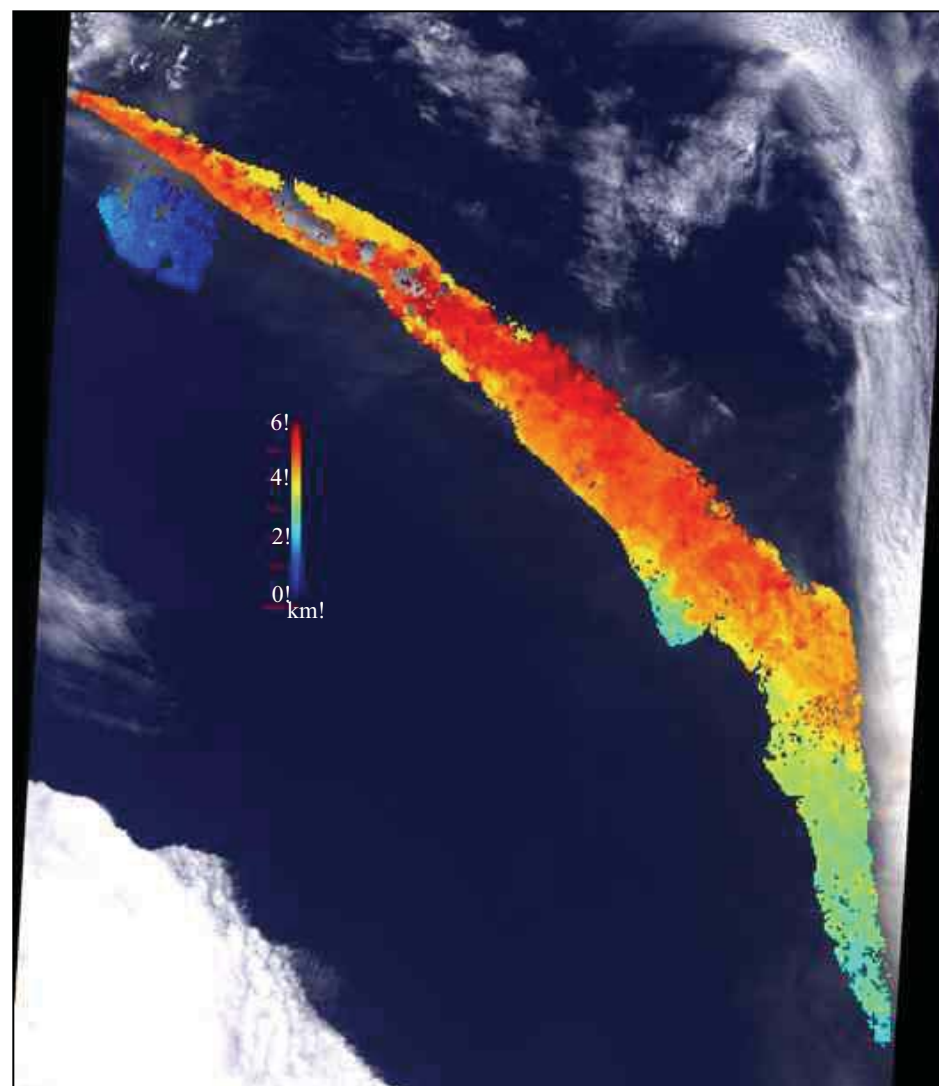


MISR stereo heights for the ash-dominated plume on 30 December 2002

Indications of **Eruption Strength**!

- *Plume Height* from MISR stereo imaging!
- *Ash to Sulfate/Water particle AOD ratio* from MISR-retrieved particle shape and size!

MISR Stereo-Derived **Plume Heights**
07 May 2010 Orbit 55238 Path 216 Blk 40 UT 12:39

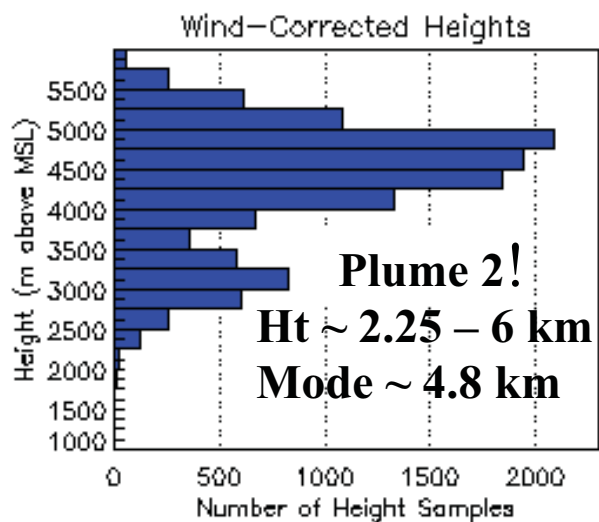
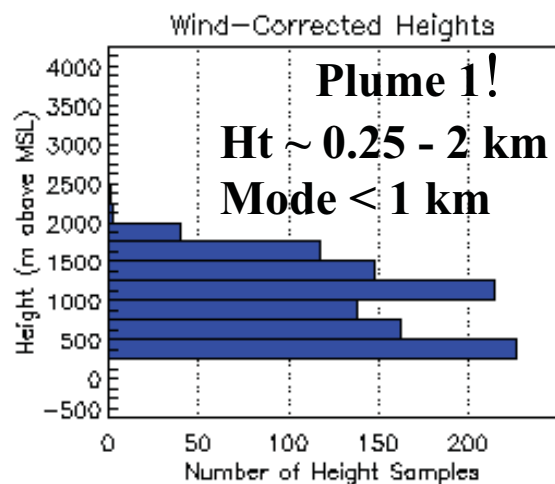


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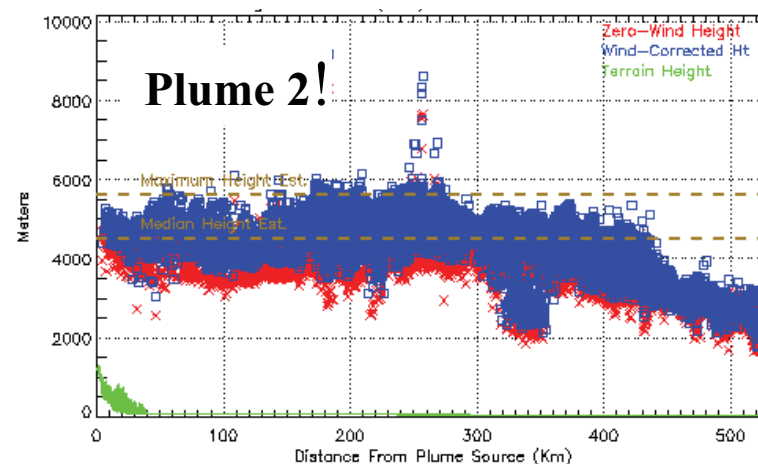
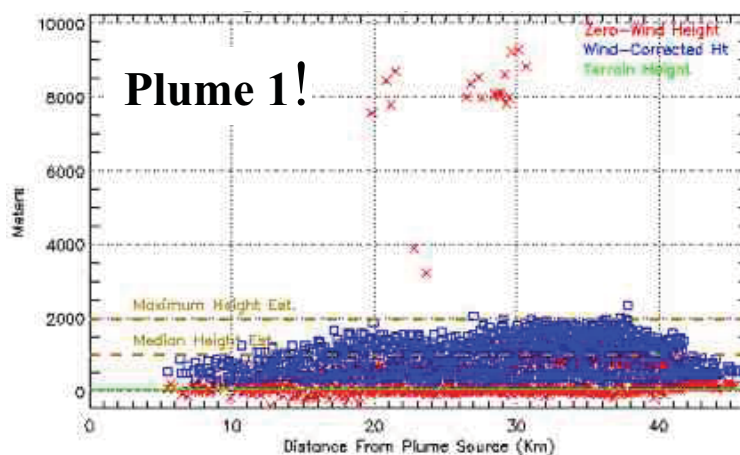
*MISR Stereo-Derived **Plume Heights***

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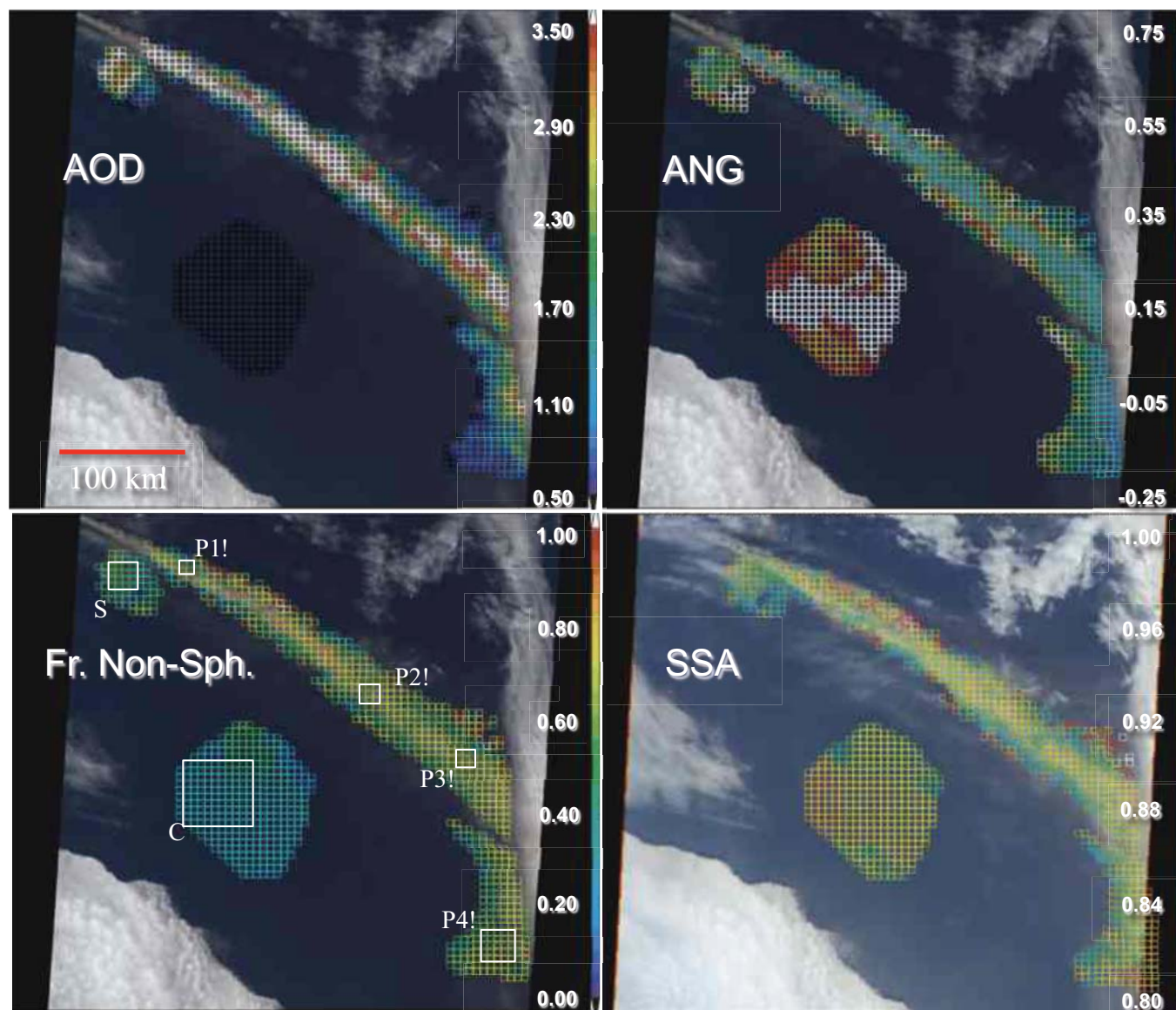


Height: **Blue** = Wind-corrected



MISR Research *Aerosol Retrievals*

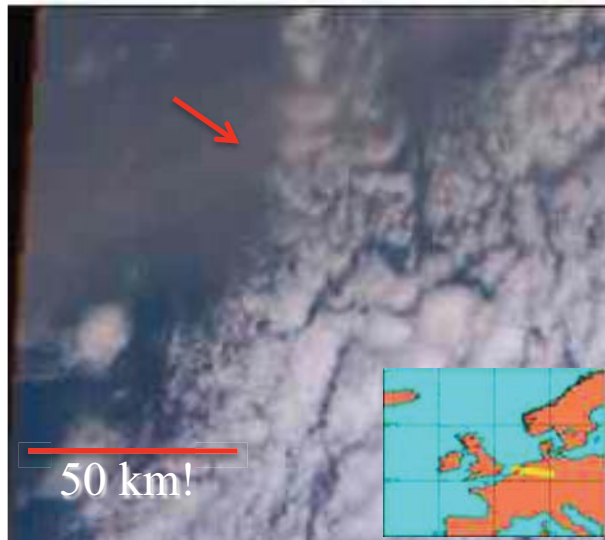
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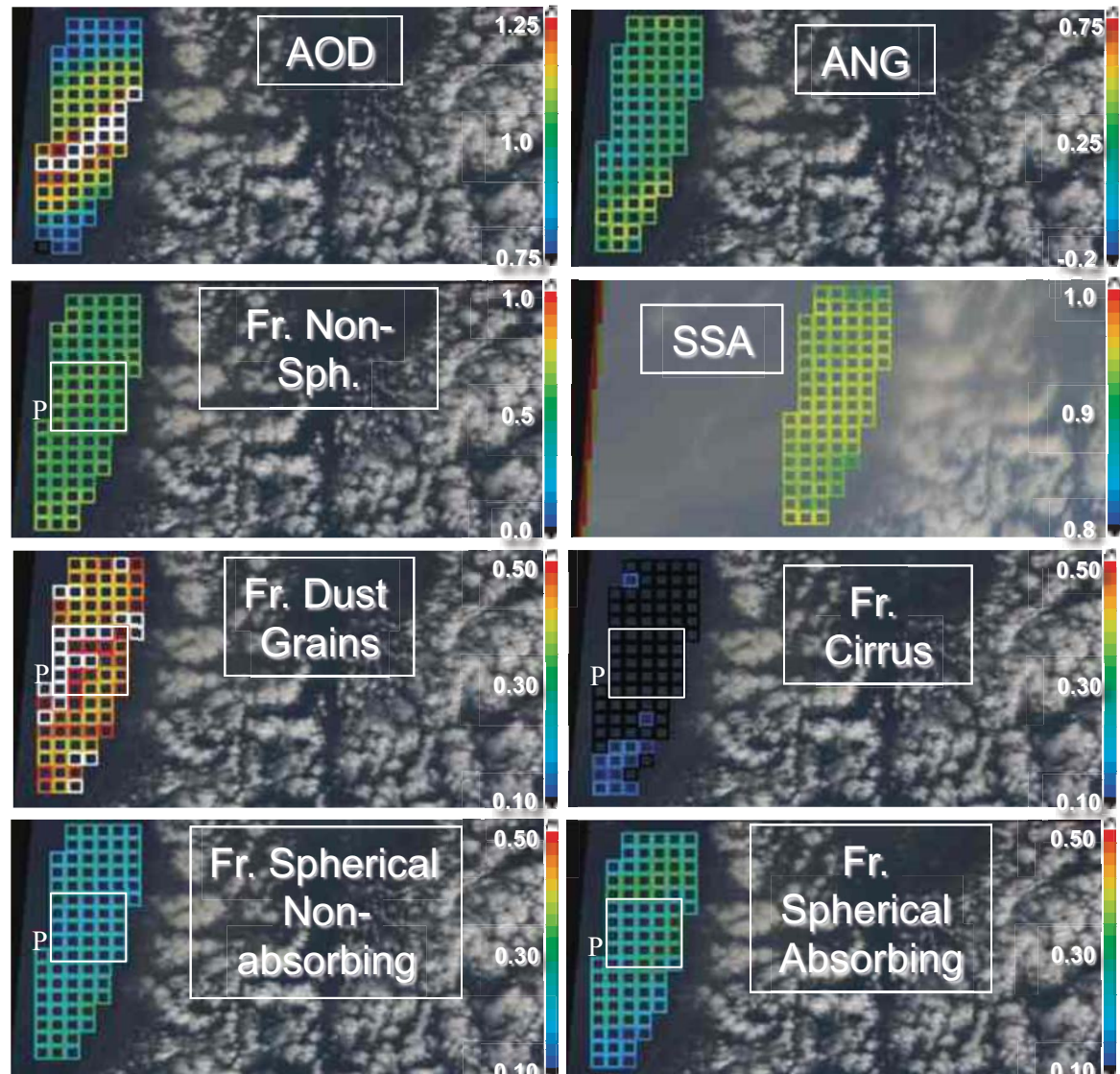
- Plume Particles**
- Distinct from background!
-- *larger, darker* !
-- *much higher AOD*
 - *Non-spherical* dominated!
 - Brighten downwind!
 - Tend to decrease in size!
downwind!

MISR Research *Aerosol Retrievals*

16 April 2010 Orbit 54931 Path 197 Blk 49 UT 10:45

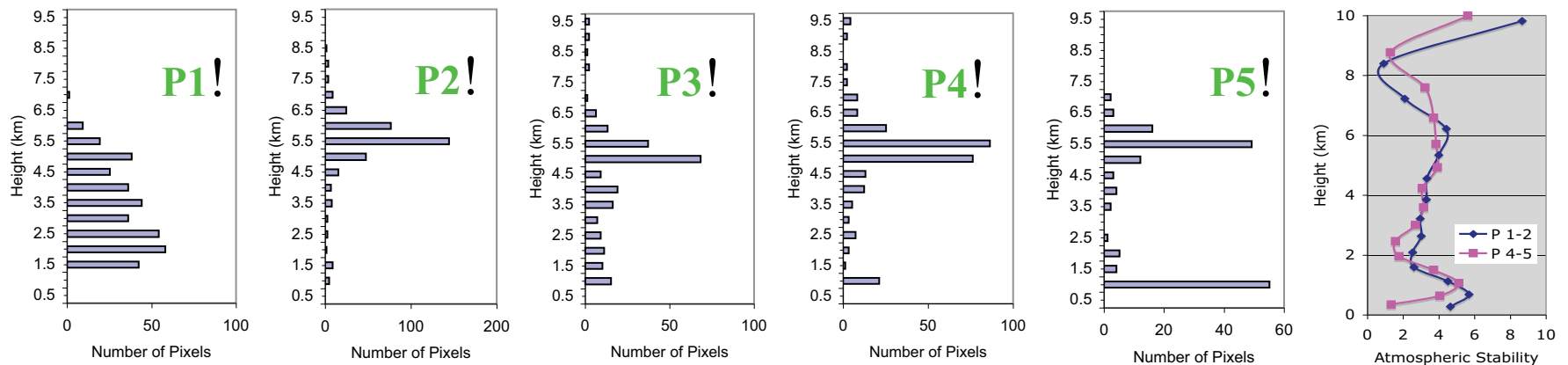
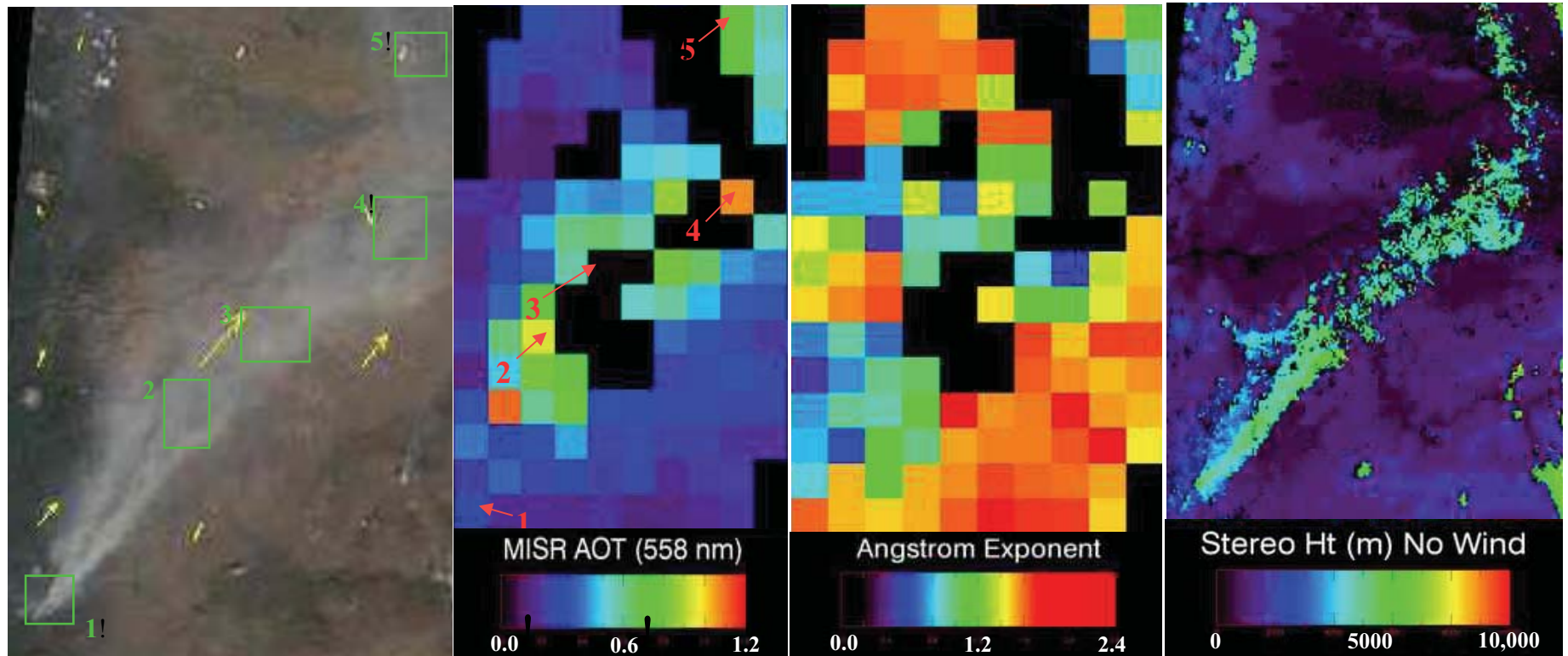


- *1-2 days downwind* of !
Iceland volcano source!
- Distinctly *high AOD*
(peak >1.25)!
- Retrieved ~50% AOD !
non-spherical dust grains!
- *Medium* particles ~ no "cirrus"!
- Model *back-trajectory needed!*
to identify plume confidently!



Oregon Fire Sept 04 2003

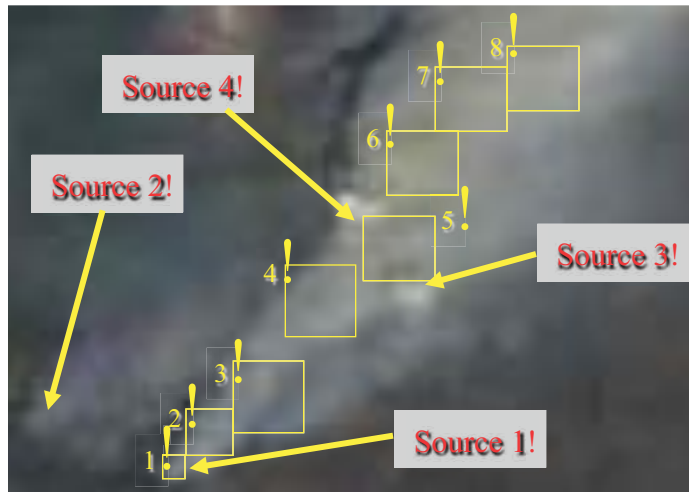
Orbit 19753 Blks 53-55 MISR Aerosols V17, Heights V13 (no winds)



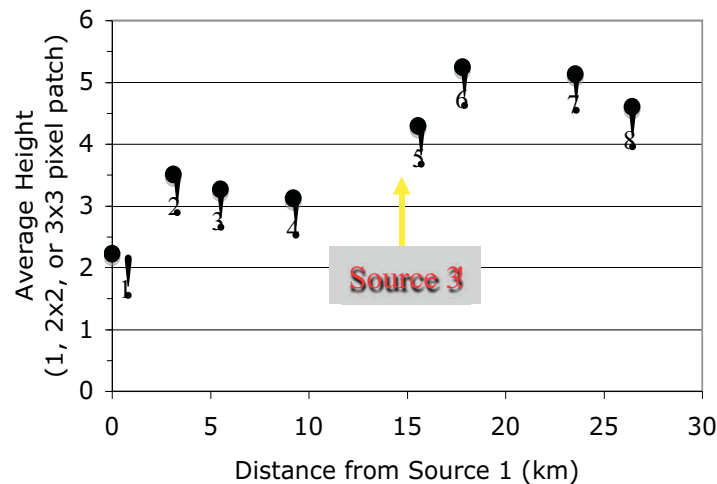
Kahn, et al., JGR 2007!

Detail of Wildfire Source Region

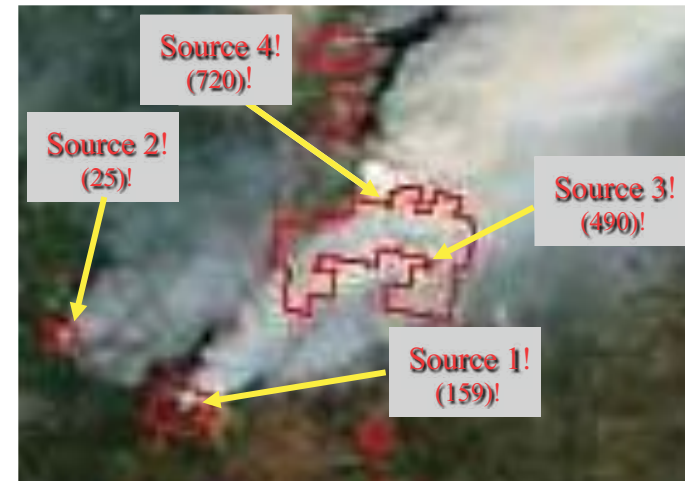
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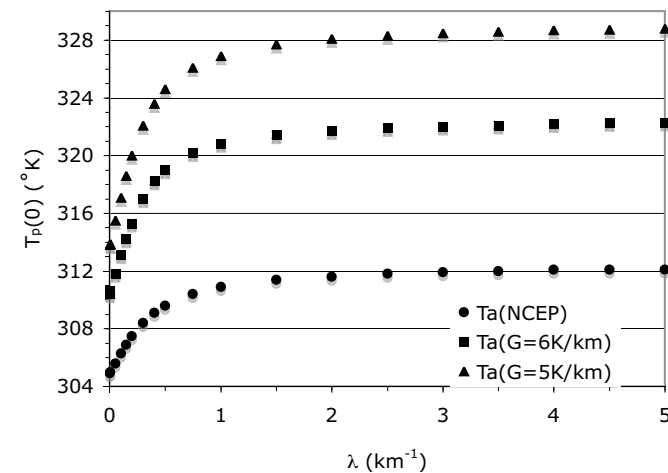
MISR Nadir **275 m** Image!



MISR **Plume Heights** for Sub-patches!



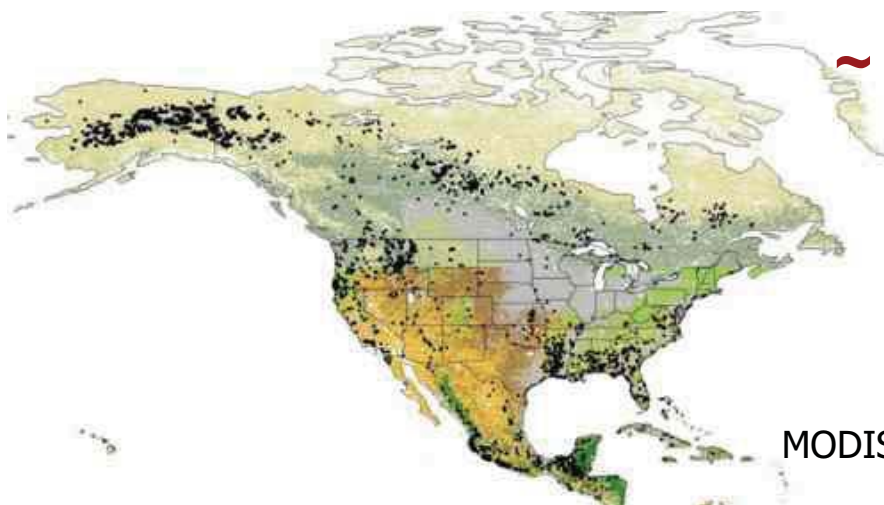
MODIS Image + **Fire Power!**



Very Simple Plume Parcel Model!

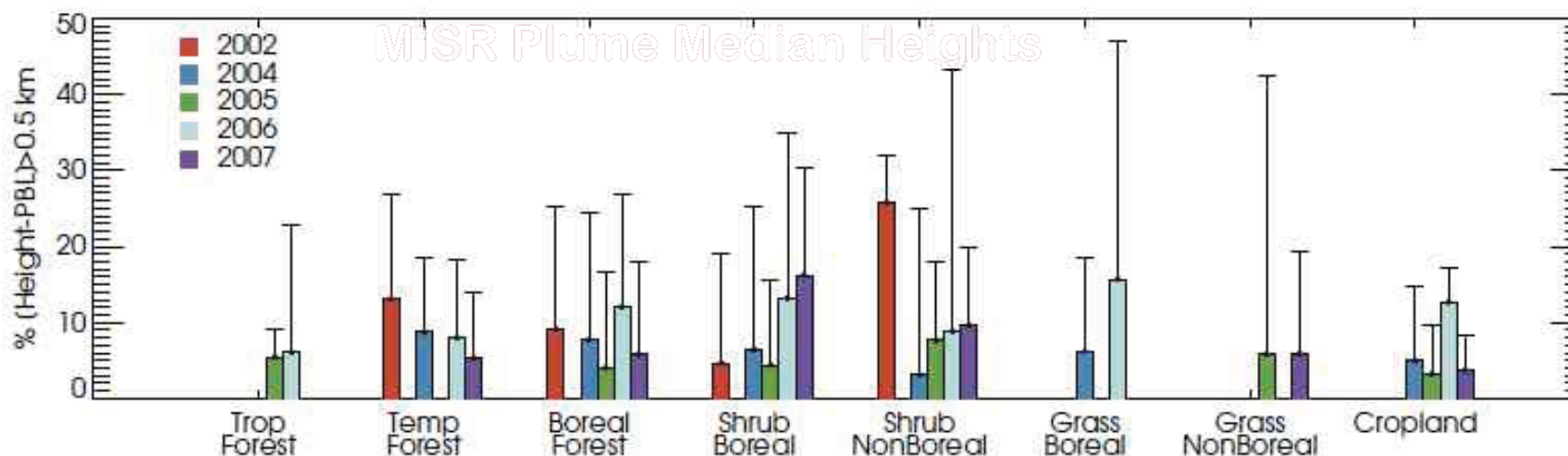
→ *Broad swath + high spatial resolution* needed to characterize sources!

N. America Plume *Injection Height* Climatology



~ 3400 plumes digitized over North America for 2002, 2004-2007

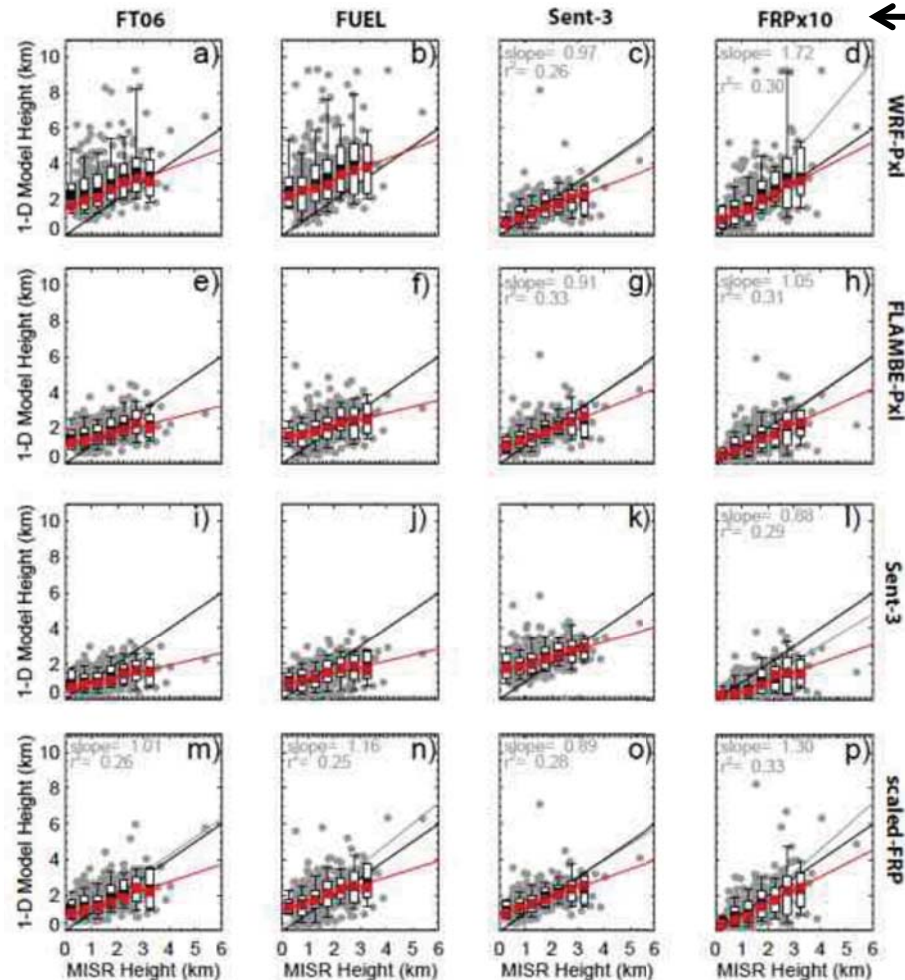
- Tropical Forest
- Temperate Forest
- Boreal Forest
- Boreal Shrubland
- Non-Boreal Shrubland
- Boreal Grassland
- Non-Boreal Grassland
- Cropland



Percent of plumes >0.5 km *above BL*, stratified by year and vegetation type!

Evaluation of a 1D plume-rise model: Towards a parameterization of smoke *injection heights*

To Constrain models:
Need to assess the!
Parameterizations
actually used!



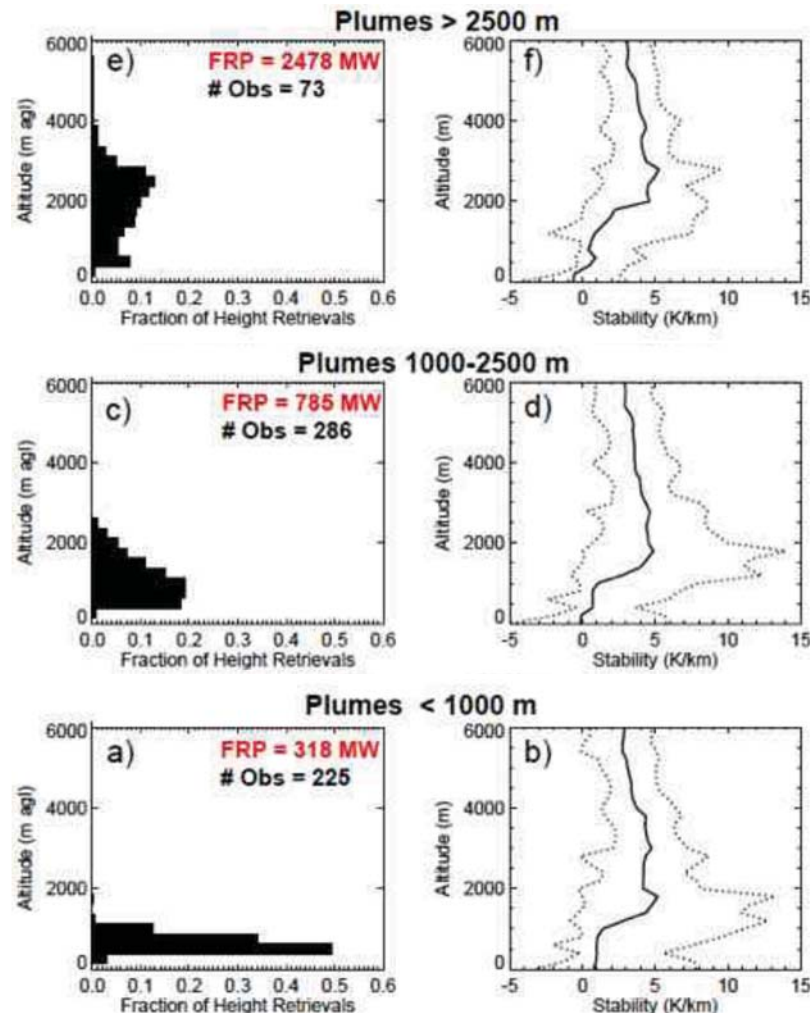
Heat Flux Options

Active Fire Area Options

1-D Plume-rise model heights vs. MISR-observed max. plume heights !

-- Models have *lower dynamic range than observed*, but very variable

Evaluation of a 1D plume-rise model: Towards a parameterization of smoke *injection heights*

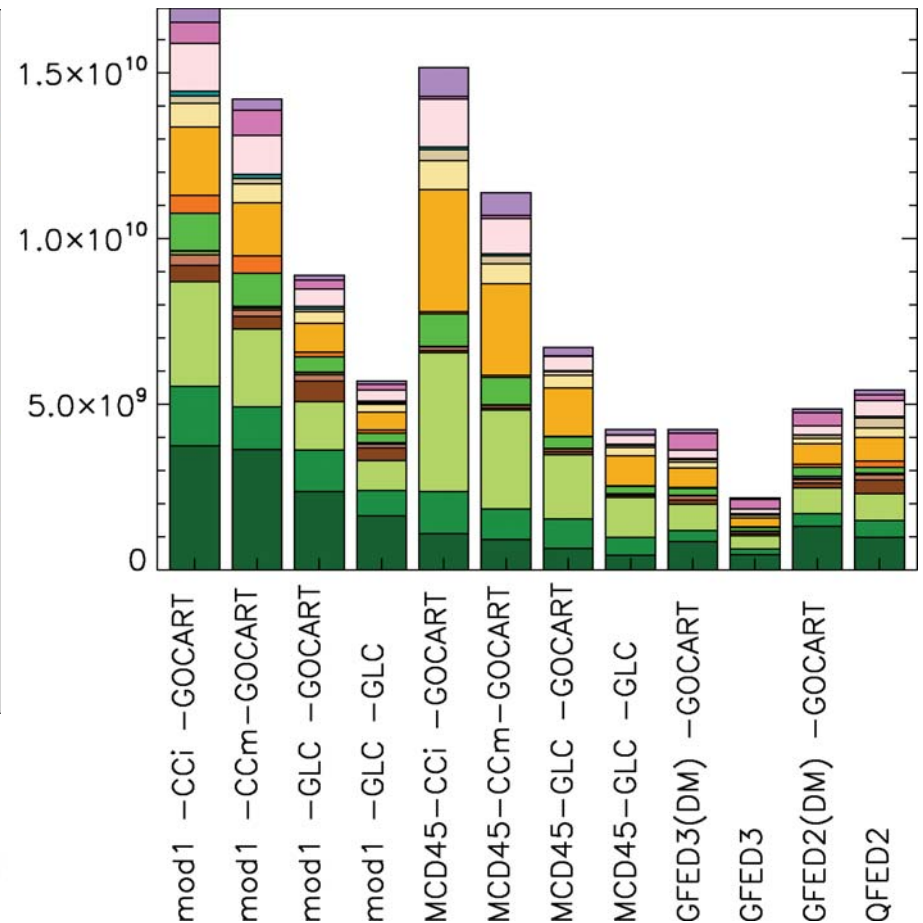
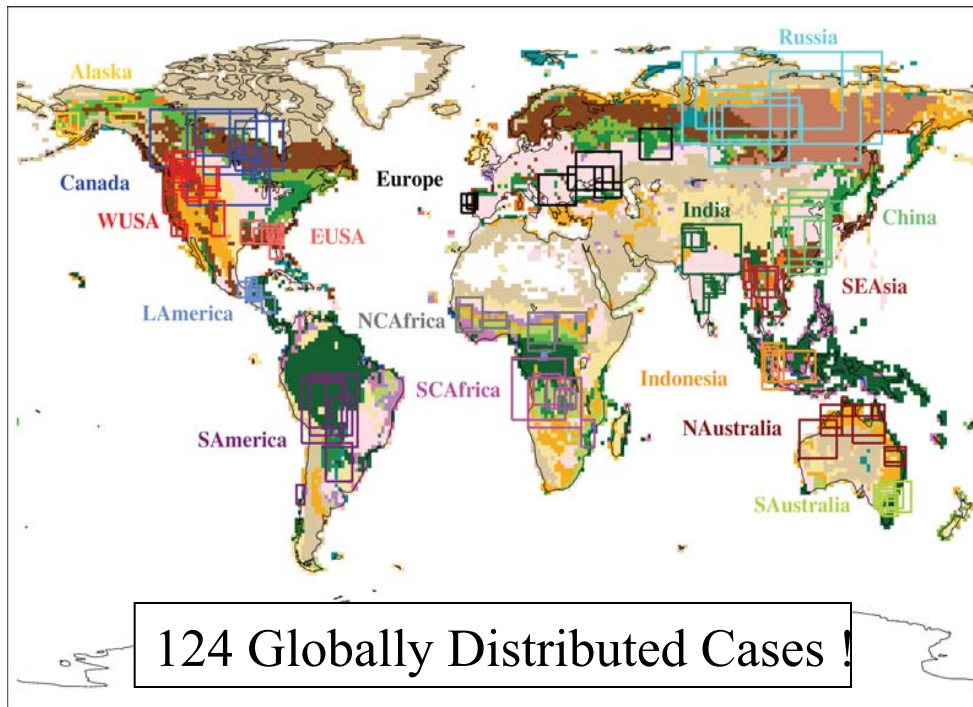


The key factors:!

- *Fire Energy*
(fire area; heat flux, FRP)!
- *Atmospheric Stability*
- *Entrainment*

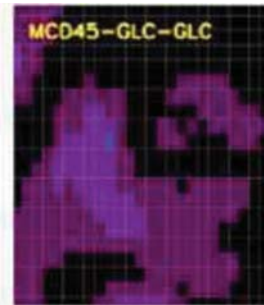
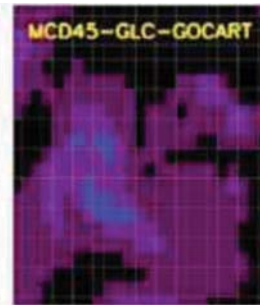
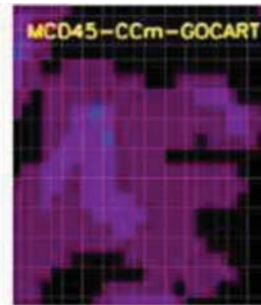
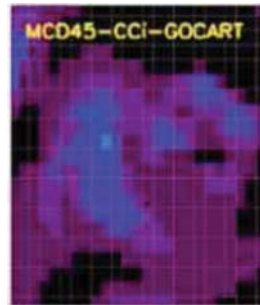
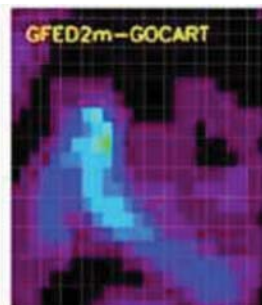
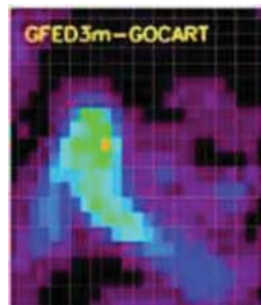
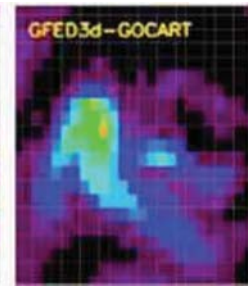
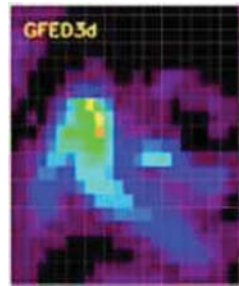
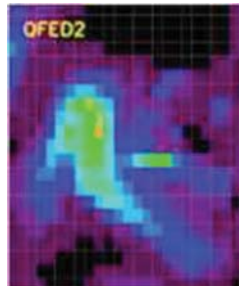
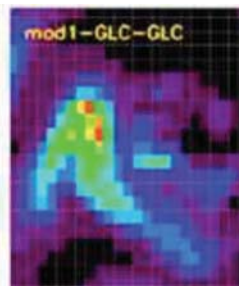
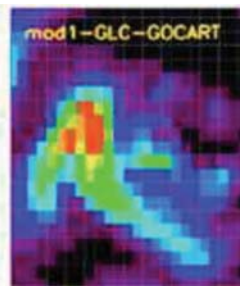
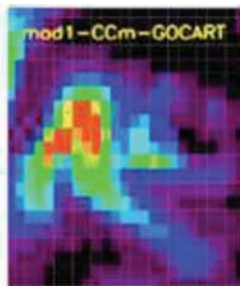
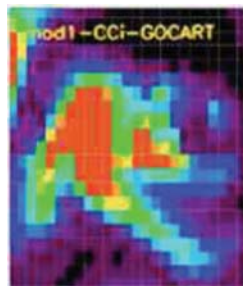
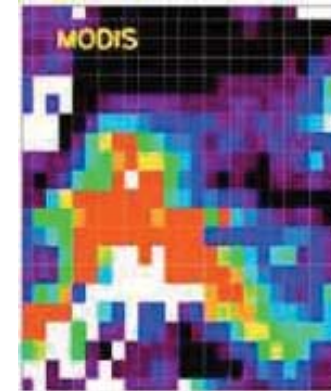
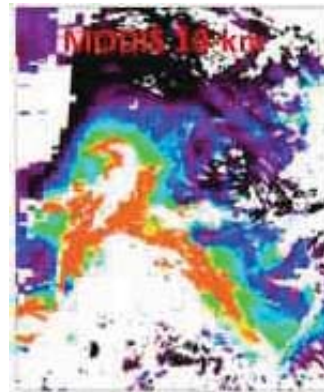
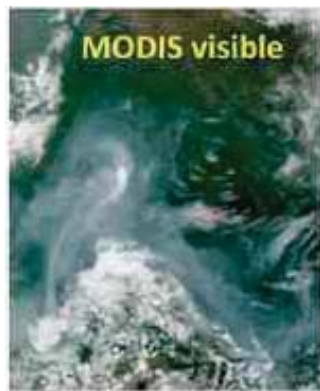
Plume height increases systematically as !
FRP increases and *Atmospheric Stability* decreases!

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13 Smoke Emission Estimates!

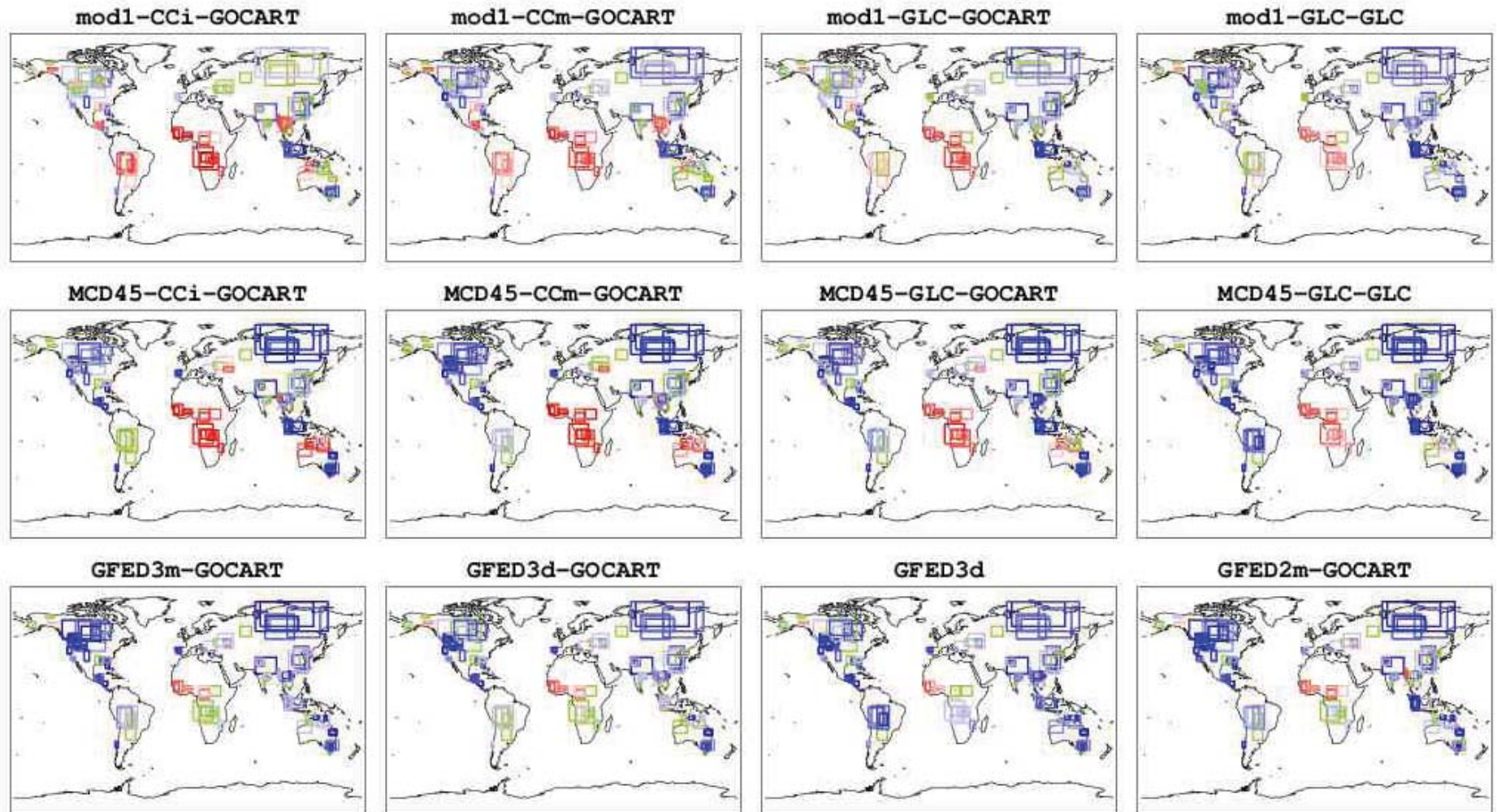
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AOD (550nm)

Ratio of GOCART to MODIS average AOD "

For each case, for 12 emission estimates



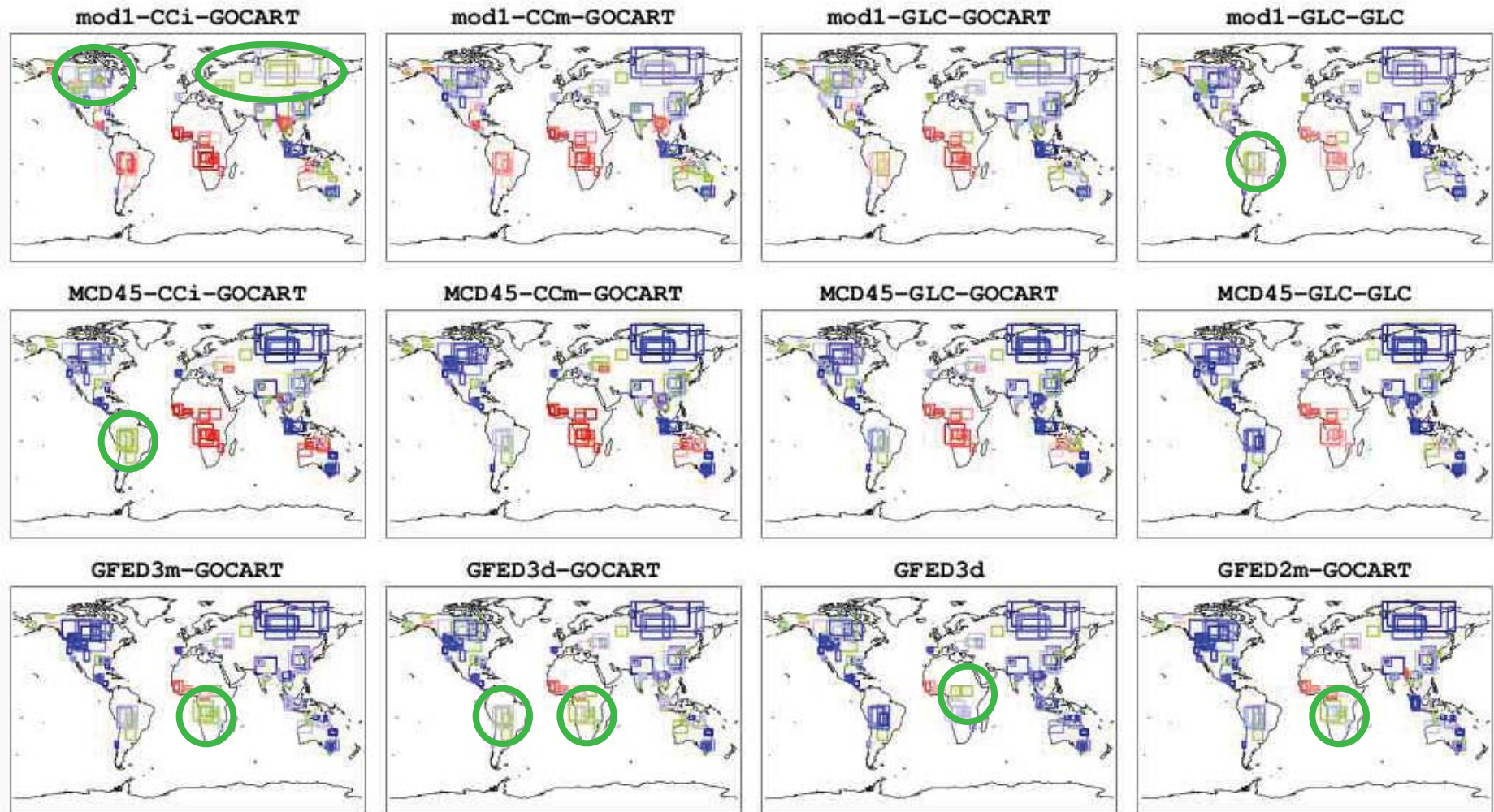
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Ratio of GOCART average AOD to MODIS average AOD



Ratio of GOCART to MODIS average AOD "

For each case, for 12 emission estimates



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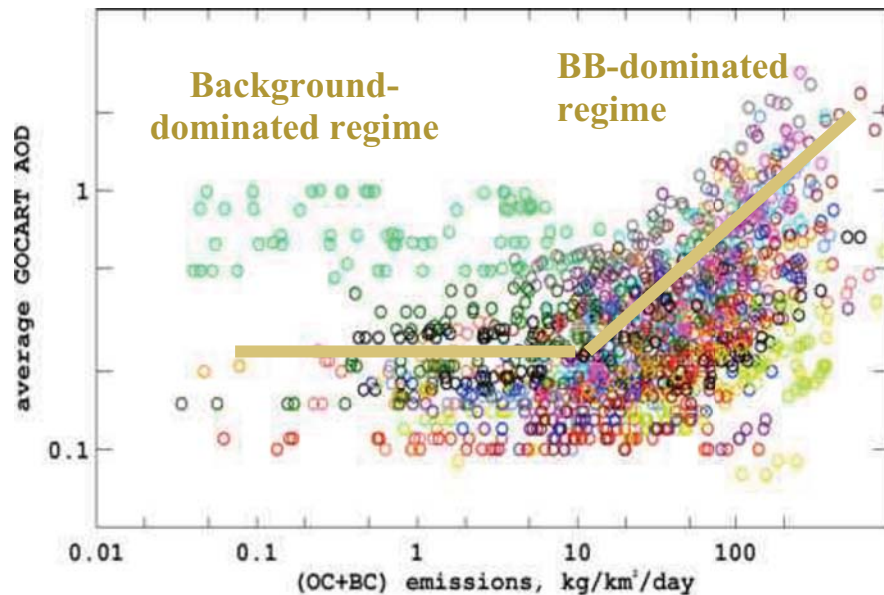


Quantitative Relationship Between Smoke Emission and AOD

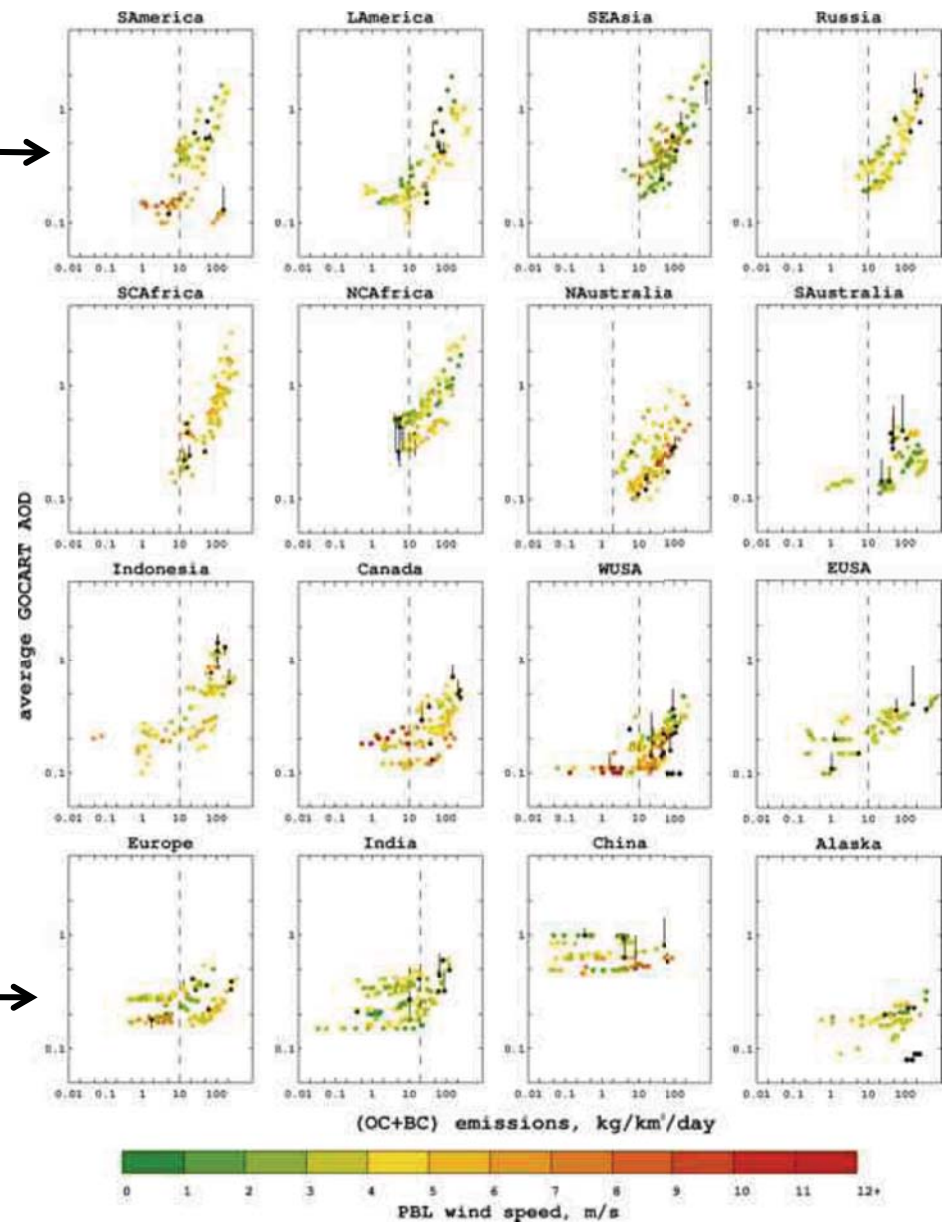
Depends On

- *Wind Speed at source*
- *Background AOD!*

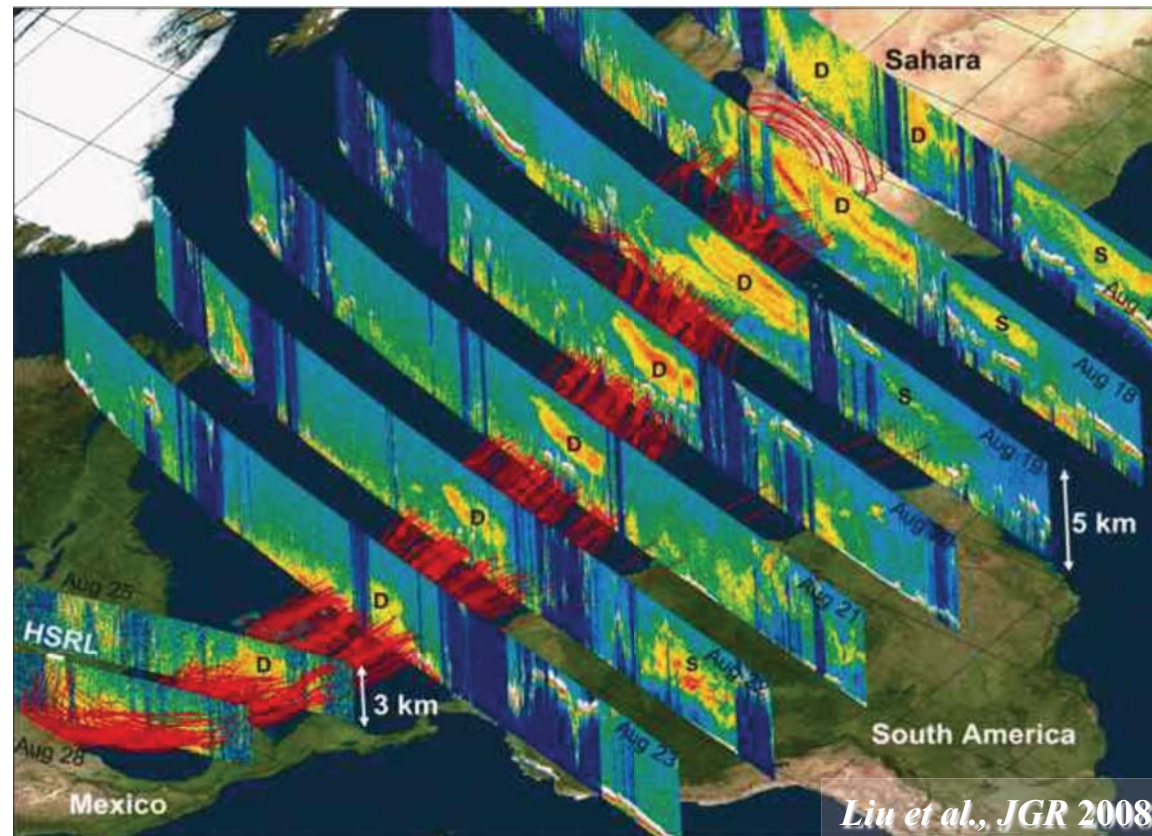
Steeper slope ~!
Lower wind speed! →



High background AOD ~!
Smoke plume insignificant! →



Aerosol Sources, Processing, Transports, Sinks: **Lidar** + **Model**



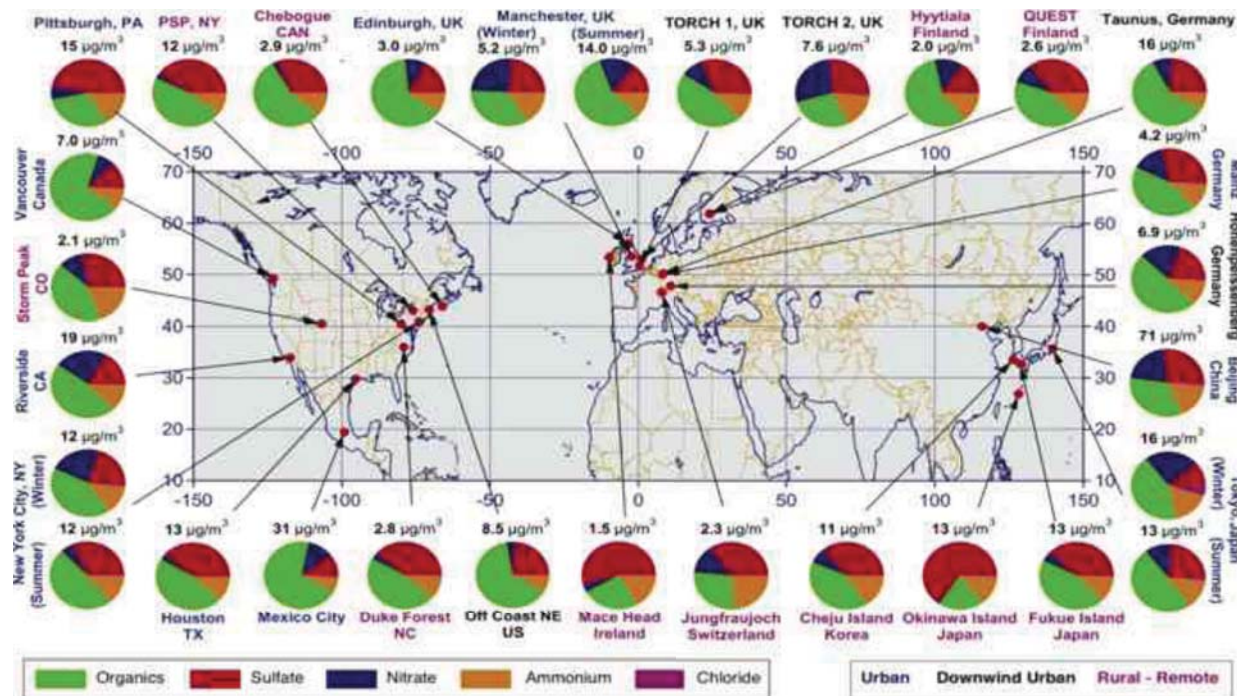
August 2007 Saharan dust “D” and smoke “S” event
mapped by CALIPSO 532 nm backscatter, with superposed!
model back trajectories and airborne HSRL observations!

Piecing together the bigger picture. Consistency requires – !

- An understanding of the *mechanisms* governing aerosol evolution!
- Adequately constrained *initial & boundary* conditions!

Applications – Air Quality!

Improving Air Quality Models

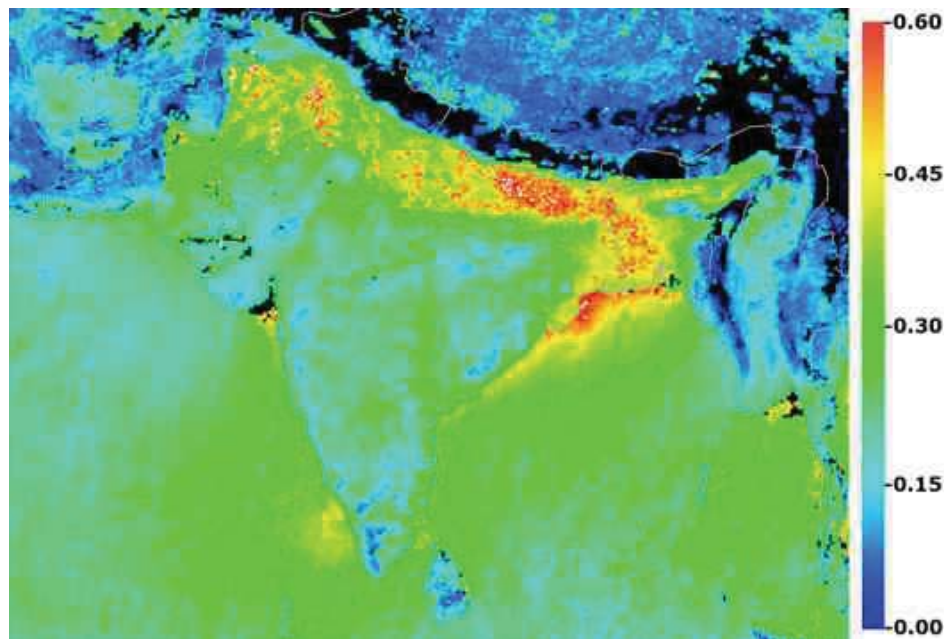


Zhang et al., GRL, 2007

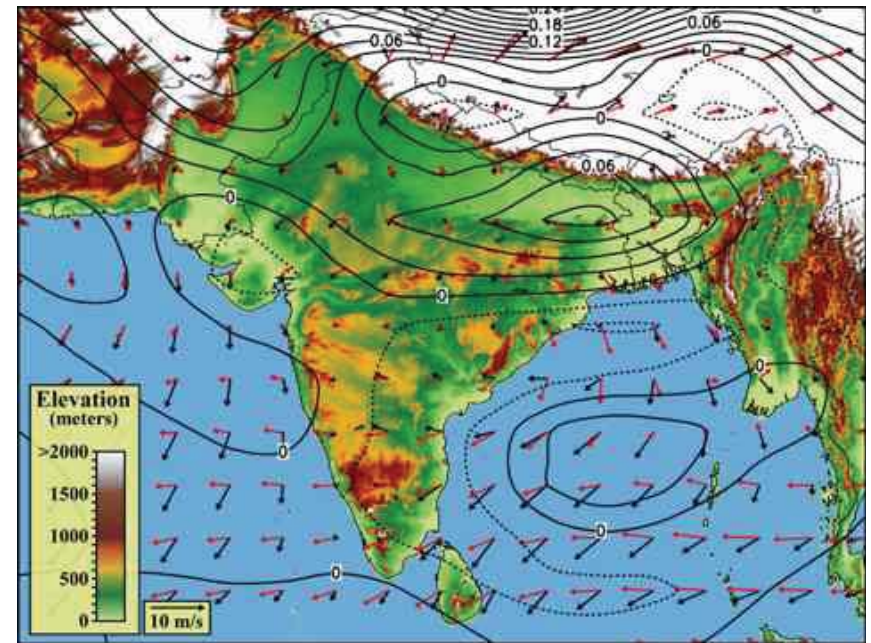
Surface-based mass-spec aerosol composition measurements!

- Need to isolate *Near-surface Aerosol Component*
 - Need sufficient *Spatial-Temporal Coverage* to capture *Severe Events*
 - Detailed *Chemical Speciation* often required
 - *High Spatial Resolution* often required (e.g., in Urban areas)
- Recent efforts use models to parse satellite column AOD; speciate spherical particle fraction!
[Y. Liu et al. JAWMA 2007; Martin and von Donkellar, 2008]!

Pollution Aerosol Concentrated! in Ganges Valley near Kanpur, India (MISR)

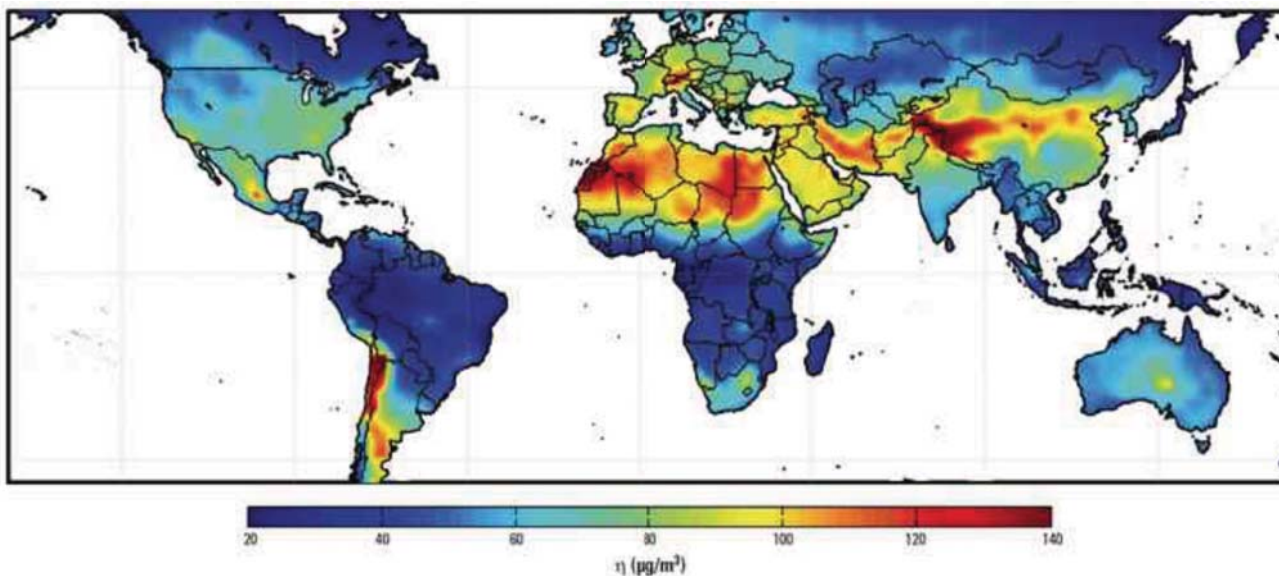


MISR mid-visible AOD!
[Winter, 2001-2004; white --> AOD >0.6]!

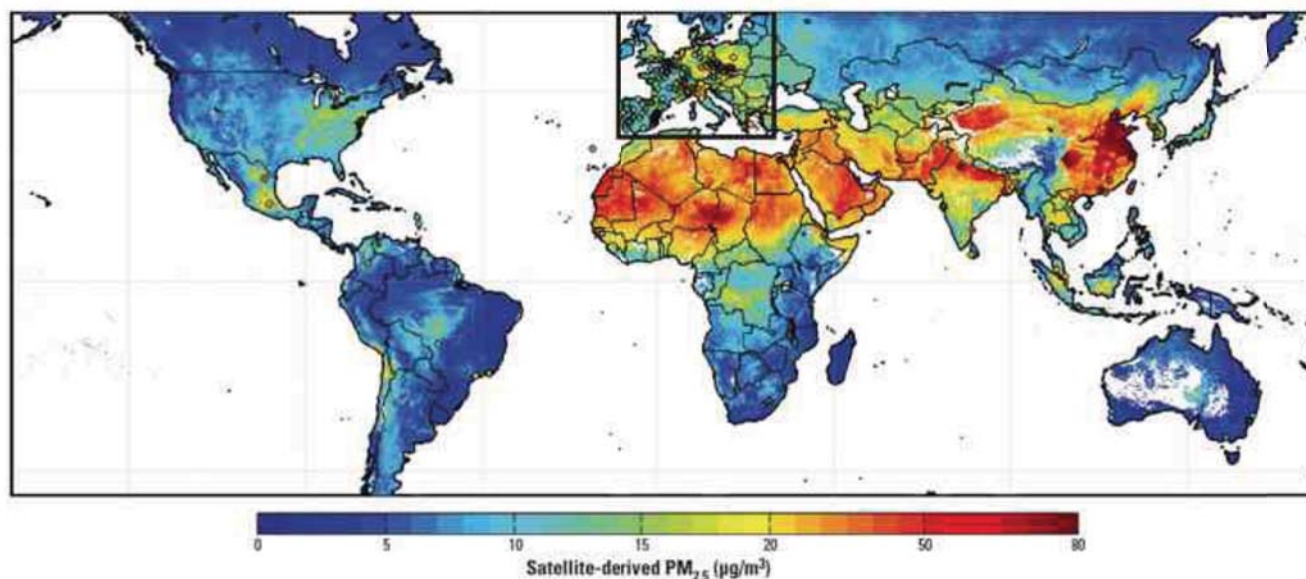


NCEP Winds + Topography!
[Black=surface; Red=850 mb; !
contours=vertical, solid=subsidence]!

Air Quality: BL Aerosol Concentration!
[MISR + MODIS] AOD & GEOS-Chem Vertical Distribution

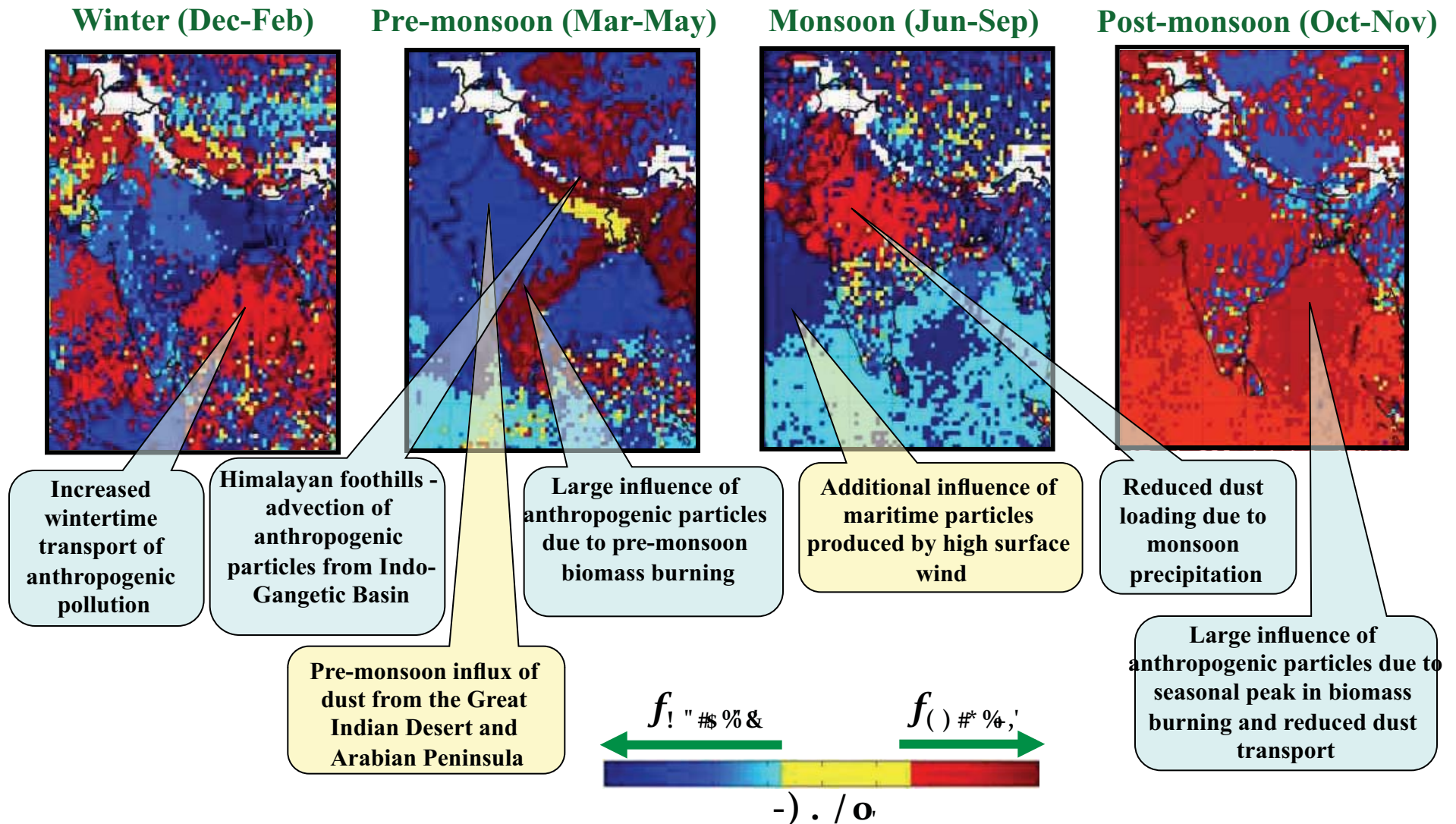


**[BL PM_{2.5}] /
[Total-col. AOD]
2001- 2006**



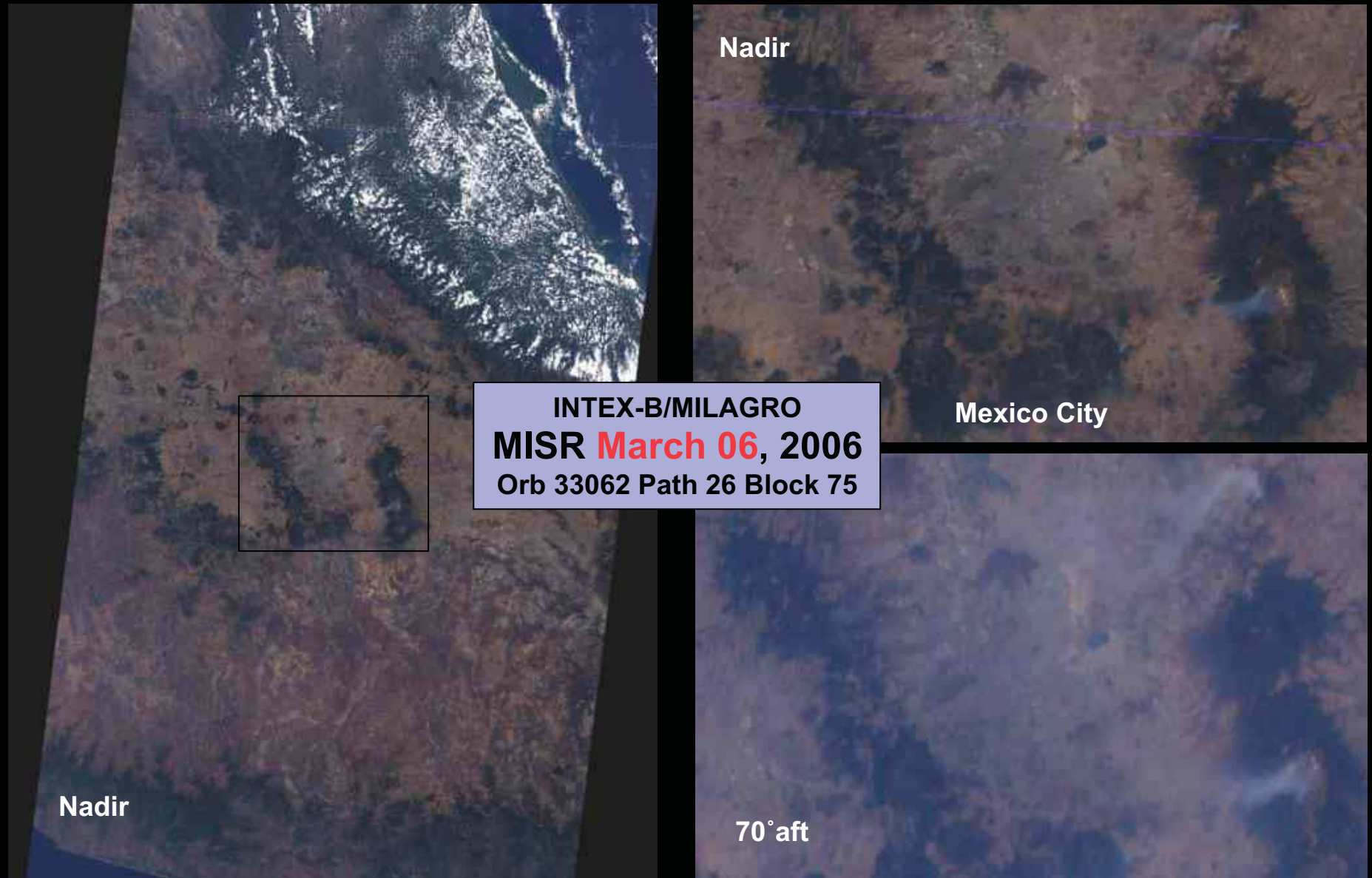
**Derived
PM_{2.5}**

Characterizing seasonal changes in anthropogenic and natural aerosols w.r.t. preceding season over the Indian Subcontinent!



Index uses MISR-retrieved particle shape and size constraints !
to separate natural from anthropogenic aerosol !

Mapping AOD & Aerosol Air-Mass-Type in Urban Regions!



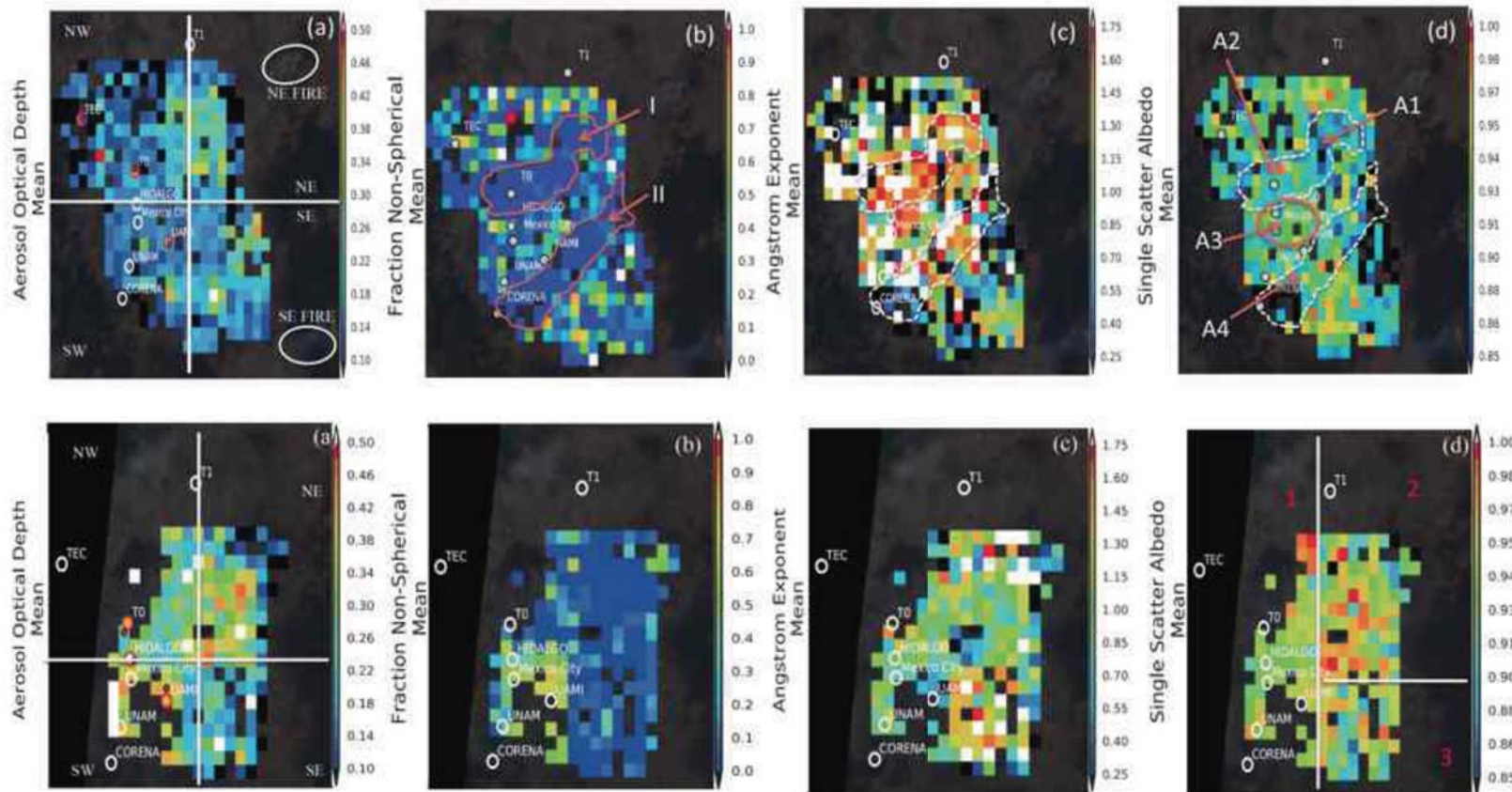
Urban Pollution AOD & Aerosol Air Mass Type Mapping
INTEX-B, 06 & 15 March 2006

AOD!

Fr. Non-Sph.!

ANG!

SSA!



March!
06 !

March!
15!

Aerosol Air Masses: *Dust* (non-spherical), *Smoke* (spherical, spectrally steep absorbing),! and *Pollution* particles (spherical, spectrally flat absorbing) dominate specific regions!

Over-Land Aerosol Short-wave Radiative Forcing w/Consistent Data

The slope of: !

!

TOA albedo vs. AOD

!

For data stratified by:!

!

Surface BHR

!

!

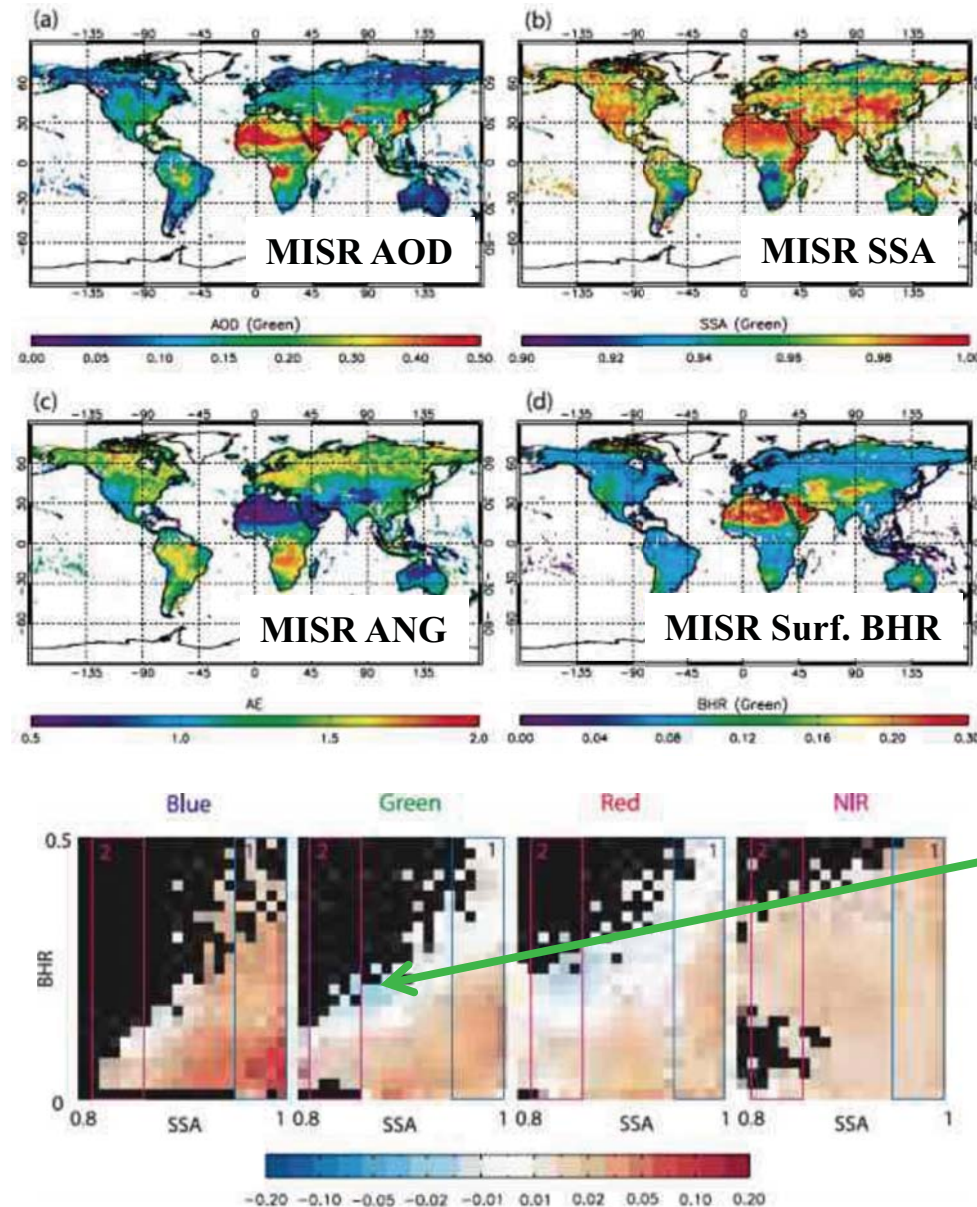
!

Produces: !

!

**Spectral aerosol
radiative efficiency**

$(d!_{TOA}/d\tau_{mid-vis})!$

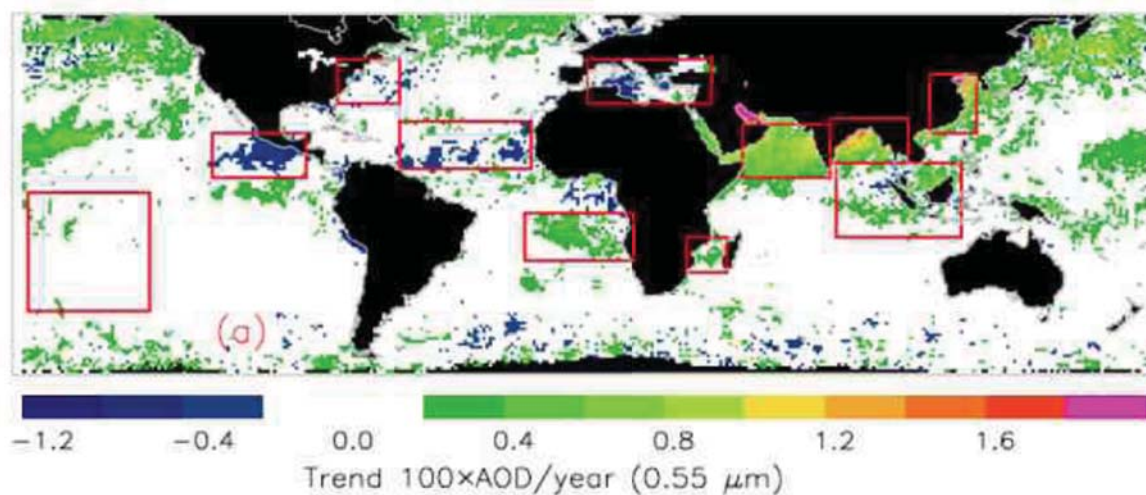


Bright surface!
+ dark aerosol!
= decreasing!
albedo w/AOD!

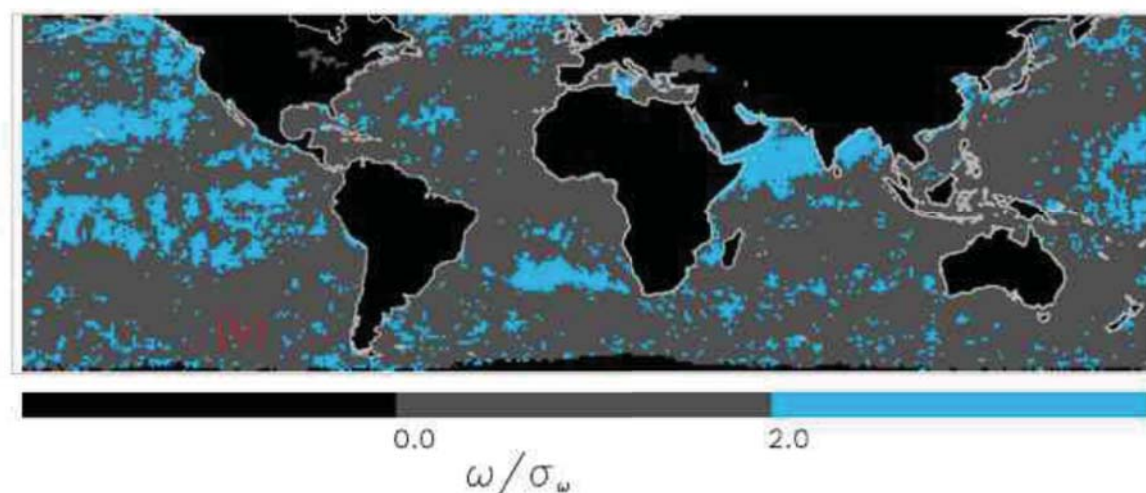
Depends on aerosol *microphysical* properties relative to surface albedo!

Y. Chen et al. JGR 2009

MODIS10-Year Global/Regional! Over-Water AOD Trends !



Trend!



Statistical!
Significance!

- Statistically negligible ($\pm 0.003/\text{decade}$) **global-average** over-water AOD trend !
- Statistically significant increases over the **Bay of Bengal, E. Asia coast, Arabian Sea!**

Key Attributes of the MISR Version 22 Aerosol Product!

- **AOT Coverage** – *Global but limited sampling* on a monthly basis!
!
- **AOT Accuracy** – Maintained even when particle property information is poor!
!
- **Particle Size** – *2-3 groupings reliably*; quantitative results vary w/conditions!
!
- **Particle Shape** – *spherical vs. non-spherical robust*, except for coarse dust!
!
- **Particle SSA** – useful for *qualitative* distinctions!
!
- **Aerosol Type Information** – diminished when *AOT* < *0.15* or 0.2!
!
- **Particle Property Retrievals** – *improvement expected* w/algorithm upgrades!
!
- **Aerosol Air-mass Types** – *more robust* than individual properties!

PLEASE READ THE QUALITY STATEMENT!!!

... and more details are in publications referenced therein

Current MISR & MODIS Mid-Visible AOD Sensitivities

- MISR: **0.05 or 20% * AOD** overall; *better over dark water* [Kahn et al., 2010]!
- MODIS: **0.05 ± 20% * AOD** over dark target land!
! **0.03 ± 5% * AOD** over dark water [Remer et al. 2008; Levy et al. 2010]!
- ! Based on AERONET coincidences (**cloud screened by both sensors**)!
- Global, monthly MODIS & MISR AOD *is used to constrain IPCC models*

→ *For global, Direct Aerosol Radiative Forcing (DARF), instantaneous measurement accuracy needed (e.g., McComiskey et al., 2008):*

• *AOD to ~ 0.02 uncertainty*

• *SSA to ~ 0.02 uncertainty*

